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THREAT TO SANCTITY OF INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT.

MAYOR WU'S NOTE TO CONSULAR BODY

CHINESE GOVERNMENT REFUSES RESPONSIBILITY

FOR WHAT MAY FOLLOW

IF JAPAN CONTINUES TO USE SETTLEMENT AS BASE FOR OPERATIONS.

Shanghai, To-day.

That the Chinese may cease to observe the sanctity of the Settlement is believed to be indicated by the latest warning from Mayor Wu Tieh-chen to the Consular Body, in which he re-affirms previous protests against the Japanese using the Settlement as a base for operations, landing regular troops there and directing hostilities from the Japanese Consulate.

The Mayor declares that

"As long as the Settlement Authorities prove unable to effectively restrain the Japanese from using the Settlement as a base for their operations, the Chinese Government cannot be held responsible for whatever consequences follow."

He concludes by requesting the Consular Body to advise their Nationals to evacuate the locality of the war - zones and requests that their Naval Commanders be notified not to station their ships near the Japanese base of operations.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

The sanctity of the International Settlement of Shanghai is now reported to be in jeopardy. Mayor Wu Tieh-chen has addressed a Note to the Foreign Consular Body the content and tenor of which is a matter of cause for anxiety.

"State-mate" is the term applied to the position of the contending forces on the battle-front. And it is expected to last for several days. The Japanese offensive has been effectively checked, and, whereas, Japanese troops are said to be exhausted, there are signs that the Chinese forces may, at any moment, take up the offensive, particularly in Chapei.

Chinese in South Africa are reported to be eager to volunteer for service in the Chinese Air Force, and the Chinese Government is said to be interested in the recent offer made by "axed" Canadian airmen.

General Fung Yu-hsiang is expected in Shanghai to-day to help General Tsai Ting-kai.

Japanese planes, yesterday, dropped propaganda leaflets in Chinese lines. Japanese planes, yesterday, also bombed Lungwha Railway Station badly damaging the platform.

Japanese Reinforcements.

Shanghai (6.26 a.m.).

To-day.

Dawn comes, once again, with the positions on all fronts unchanged.

The Chinese papers report that thousands of Japanese troops have been landed secretly during the night, but enquiries at Japanese Headquarters elicited a flat denial. It was added, however, that additional troops were expected on March 2.

General Fung to Assist General Tsai.

To-day's "China Press" says, that General Fung Yu-hsiang is expected to arrive in Shanghai either to-day, or to-morrow, in order to assist General Tsai Ting-kai.

Another Chapei Fire.

The Japanese bombardment of Chapei, during the night, caused a tremendous conflagration, which raged unchecked until day-break.

Lungwha Bombed.

Last evening, the Japanese planes bombed Lungwha Rail-

way Station on the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway, a few miles from Shanghai. The station platform was badly damaged.

Japanese Propaganda. Japanese planes, yesterday, dropped leaflets signed "Nomura," declaring that if the Chinese troops surrender they will be well treated, but if they hold out, a grim fate is in store for them.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

Chinese Maintain Positions.

Shanghai (12.20 a.m.).

To-day.

With falling snow succeeding a day of bitter winds, the Chinese forces maintain their positions along the whole battle-front. A desultory bombardment continues in Chapei. Occasional Chinese shells fall in the Hongkew District and in the Whangpoo River, and, sometimes, whistle over the British Consulate. All British ships have been well removed from the danger-zone.

Exhausted Japanese Troops. It is likely that the present

CHINESE AIR FORCE.

Volunteers from South Africa.

EAGER TO SERVE.

Johannesburg, Yesterday. As illustrating the eagerness of Chinese to help China in the present Far East dispute, Chinese Consular officials have approached the well-known pilot, Lieutenant Rodwell King, asking him to give a number of Chinese pupils a week's training to enable them to fight in the Chinese Air Force.

Lt. King has refused, because he considers a week insufficient. It is stated, that another local airman is leaving next week to serve in the Chinese Air Force, while Dr. Ho Tsang, ex-Consul-General in South Africa, is leaving for China to offer his services in a military capacity.

CANADIAN AIRMEN'S OFFER.

Chinese Government Interested.

Ottawa, Yesterday. According to the Chinese Consul-General here, the Chinese Government has cabled to the effect, that it is favourably interested in the offer of "axed" members of the Canadian Air Force, concerning which further communications have been mailed. Meanwhile, Canadian airmen are meeting with the object of drafting detailed proposals for the fitting out of planes, though it is doubtful whether they will be allowed to leave the country.—Reuter.

IMPORT DUTIES BILL.

Hemp Removed from Free List.

London, Yesterday. Hemp has been removed from the free list of the Imports Bill, Mr. Neville Chamberlain accepting an amendment to that effect, after which the House passed by 317 votes to 71 the proposal placed before it.—Reuter.

state-mate on the battle-front may continue for several days.

An American military observer, interviewed by "Reuter" this evening, said that he believed that the Japanese troops were exhausted and in all probability would not make a big offensive until reinforcements had arrived, but signs were not wanting that the Chinese troops were preparing to take up the offensive in Chapei, where they heavily outnumber the Japanese.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

Volunteers for Shanghai Wanted.

Acting on cabled instructions from the Headquarters of the Order, London, the local Assistant Commissioner is making arrangements to despatch Nursing assistance to Shanghai, where such help is urgently needed in the Hospitals.

Nurses, who wish to volunteer, are kindly invited to communicate with the Assistant Commissioner at King's College.

Cables from Shanghai state that Surgeons and Nurses are urgently required.

DESPERATE JAPANESE OFFENSIVE.

Battle Raging at Kiangwan.

FIERCER FIGHTING.

Shanghai (10.15 a.m.).

To-day.

The Japanese are to-day making a desperate attempt to break the Chinese lines at Kiangwan, and, at 8.00 o'clock this morning, they launched a general attack on that front, using every available men, gun, plane, tank, etc. In spite of the distance, the booming of heavy guns can be distinctly heard in the Settlement. There is now a heavy concentration of Chinese troops on that front and indications are that this will be a bloodier day than Kiangwan has so far seen.

Meanwhile, Chapei is far from quiet, gups have kept people in the Settlement awake the night long and this morning has brought no relief. However, the activities are, at present, limited to artillery exchanges, and only a little fighting is going on.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

Manchuria.

REPUBLICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Tokyo, Yesterday. It is reported from Mukden that the Executive Council, in the presence of Ex-Emperor Pu-yi, has decided that a New Manchurian State would adopt a Republican form of Government, with a temporary Chief Executive. The decision will be formally announced to-morrow.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

STOP PRESS CHINESE LINES BROKEN.

A JAPANESE CLAIM.

Shanghai, 12.52 p.m. To-day. Japanese military authorities claim that at about 11 o'clock this morning their terrific attack broke the Chinese line at Miaohongchen, which is two miles to the north-west of Kiangwan, and that the Chinese began to retreat fighting all the way.

Up to noon, the Japanese claim that they have advanced 1,000 metres from their positions, of this morning and are yet advancing.

Meanwhile, Kiangwan Village holds out against repeated and furious attacks.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

U. S. NAVAL POLICY IN THE PACIFIC.

Stimson's Important Pronouncement.

MAY ABANDON WASHINGTON TREATY POLICY.

Washington, Yesterday. The New York "Evening Post" describes as "One of the most important pronouncements of United States' foreign policy in the last ten years" a letter which Mr. Stimson has written to Senator Borah.

The letter is held to indicate that upon an acceptable solution of the Sino-Japanese dispute hangs the whole policy initiated at the Washington Conference—of leaving to Japan dominion of the seas in her part of the world. It is suggested that, if Japan abuses her position, the United States may abandon the above policy, and build up a navy, with bases in the Pacific, to prevent Japan attempting to dominate China and the immense potential market China represents.

Indications of Congressional reaction to the naval angle of the situation are discernible in today's action of the Senate's Naval Committee in reporting favourably on a Bill for building up a fleet up to the strength of limits provided in the London Treaty.—Reuter's American Service.

BRITISH NAVAL MOVEMENTS ON CHINA STATION.

"Berwick" Going Home.

Information issued by the Naval Intelligence Centre this morning states that H.M.S. Berwick is expected to arrive here from Shanghai to-morrow. She will sail for Singapore and Home on or about March 9 for refitting and recommissioning.

"Devonshire" on Way Out. H.M.S. Devonshire, of the Mediterranean Fleet, is to relieve the Berwick on the China Station, on account of the Shanghai trouble. The Devonshire has already sailed from Malta.

"Cumberland" Out Exercising. There was some speculation here yesterday when H.M.S. Cumberland left port. It was ascertained this morning that she has gone to Tolo Harbour for exercises and is expected to be away for about a week.

At Shanghai. Conditions in Shanghai, so far, does not warrant the sending of any more warships from Hong Kong. One destroyer is held in readiness to sail at short notice in case of necessity, and her crew are allowed short shore leave only, but this is the usual precaution against piracy.

DISARMAMENT.

Soviet Delegate Asks For Vote on Complete Disarmament.

SIR JOHN SIMON'S PROPOSAL.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Chief British delegate, Sir John Simon, at the meeting of the General Committee of the Disarmament Conference in Geneva this afternoon, urged that the Draft Convention, prepared after five years' work by the Preparatory Disarmament Commission, be used as a framework for discussions. The proposal was supported by

"THEY SHALL NOT PASS UNTIL..." SAYS GENERAL TSAI

REWARDS OFFERED FOR HEADS OF JAPANESE COMMANDERS

DISQUIETING RUMOURS

CHINESE PROPOSAL REGARDING DEFENCE OF THE SETTLEMENT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai (11.23 a.m., To-day).

Yesterday a party of Press men visited the Chinese lines. What they saw strengthens the impression that China is preparing to withstand an attack by Japanese reinforcements. The Chinese are erecting strong defences portending a long war.

Reminiscences of Verdun were recalled, when General Tsai, commanding the Nineteenth Army, told journalists:—"They shall not pass until the last man falls and the last bullet has been fired."

Chinese vernacular papers report that a fresh Japanese division landed during the night, and that more are coming.

Regarding the proposed evacuation of foreigners, in the event of an emergency, Chinese circles suggest that, if the Foreign defence forces are inadequate to cope with the situation they should allow the Chinese troops to enter the Settlement and afford protection to both Chinese and foreigners.

Rumours are gaining currency that ostensibly wounded Chinese soldiers are filtering in to the Settlement in Red Cross vans in larger numbers than is necessary since their wounds are only of a superficial nature, alleging the possibility of sinister motives.

Rewards, ranging from hundreds to thousands and downward, have been offered, it is said, for the heads of Generals Uyeda and Admiral Nomura and others.

RAILWAY MEETING.

Unfair Road Competition.

LIVELY SCENES.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Yesterday. Shareholders complaints of "unfair competition of road traffic" led to lively scenes on the occasion of the annual general meeting of the Great Western Railway. Cat calls, jeering and stamping of feet punctuated the remarks of speakers. Viscount Churchill, presiding, said that the year's receipts, from the railway and ancillary business, had decreased to £3,207,000, but if Government would recognise that the railways ought to be protected from unfair competition from roads, the Company might safely look forward to a period of increasing prosperity.

the representatives of France, America, Germany and Italy. The Soviet Delegate asked the Committee first to vote on proposals for complete disarmament. A Vote will be taken to-morrow. British Wireless Service.

LLOYD GEORGE AGAIN AN M.P.

Technical Offence Excused.

CAN NOW TAKE SEAT IN THE HOUSE.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

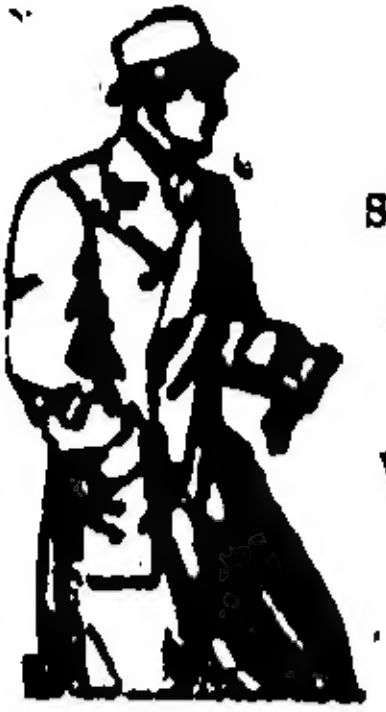
London, Yesterday. Mr. Lloyd George is only now able to take his seat in the House of Commons to which he was elected last October. This has been made possible through the High Court to-day excusing a technical offence he committed by omitting to lodge his declaration of election expenses within the specified time. Mr. Lloyd George, who was ill during the election campaign, and afterwards went to Ceylon, only discovered he had been guilty of an illegal practice a fortnight ago.

THE PREMIER GOES ON SHORT HOLIDAY.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Prime Minister, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Lillah, left London by car to-day for South-west England where he will have a short holiday to recuperate after the recent operation to his left eye. British Wireless Service.

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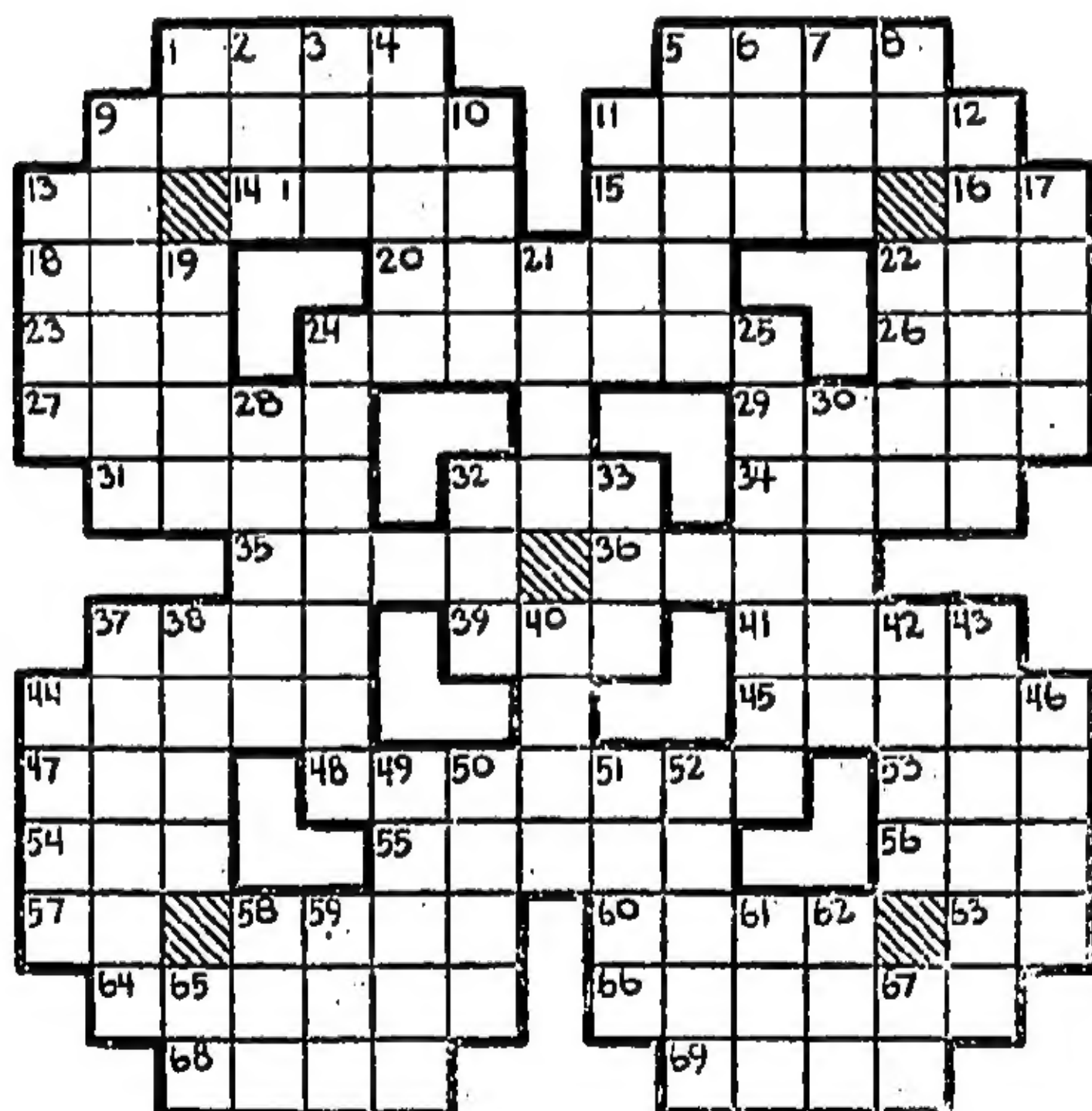
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plov, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Incile
- 5-Food containers
- 8-Sluggish
- 11-Lasso
- 12-Verly
- 14-Rend
- 15-Verbal
- 16-A land measure (abbr.)
- 19-Consumed
- 20-Artless
- 22-Deface
- 23-Pronoun
- 24-Little villages
- 25-Grease
- 27-Obtuse
- 29-Solitary
- 31-Genuine
- 32-Poisonous snake
- 34-Youths
- 35-A Mohammedan call
- 36-Greek god of love
- 37-A scourge
- 39-Joined
- 41-Combining form: Bone
- 44-Small Spanish horse
- 48-Rocket
- 47-Proceeded rapidly
- 48-Flavors
- 53-Summit
- 54-Freeze

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 55-Exchange
- 56-Scif
- 57-Negative
- 58-Pain
- 59-Turkish official
- 63-Bone (Latin)
- 64-Sea fighting force
- 65-Abide
- 66-Any one inheriting from a deceased person
- 69-Highest point

VERTICAL

- 1-Depart
- 2-Worthless leaving
- 3-Large monkey
- 4-Goddess of the moon (Rom. Myth.)
- 5-Sign in printing denoting omission
- 6-Constellation
- 7-Nothing
- 8-A continent (abbr.)
- 9-Walk feebly
- 10-Measure of weight
- 11-Adore
- 12-Drille
- 13-Rejoiced
- 17-A bearing (Mar.)

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 19-Serf
- 21-Wrongs
- 22-Humor
- 24-Defensive
- 25-protective covering for the head (pl.)
- 26-Grog-shops
- 28-River in France
- 30-Lariat
- 32-Part of the body
- 33-Ford's
- 37-A signal fire
- 38-Git's name
- 40-Heroine of Wagner's opera Lohengrin
- 42-Situation
- 43-A polygon whose angles are equal
- 44-A broad smile
- 45-A series of heroic events
- 48-The upper air
- 50-The Greek god of war
- 51-A river in Germany
- 52-A vale in ancient Argolis
- 53-A thoroughfare
- 56-102 (Roman)
- 57-Mischievous child
- 62-A roe (Scott.)
- 65-Interjection
- 67-9 (Roman)

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in
to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)



CHAPTER IV.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR
Alexander Rosanoff, an aviator in the Russian secret service, delivers a packet of confidential papers to the Russian Embassy in Paris and persuades Colonel Shubin, ranking Attache, to take him to see the famous Mata Hari perform an exotic dance. Later, he follows her to a gambling casino where she has gone to meet Adriana, owner of the resort and an enemy spy. Here she is told of the papers and promises to get them from Shubin. After Rosanoff has presented her with a ring she admires, she takes him to her home.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

LAST NIGHT WAS LAST NIGHT.

WHEN Mata Hari awoke the next morning, she observed with satisfaction that Rosanoff had gone. This was as it should be. She gave the young man credit for his experience in not plugging her with renewed protestations of his love. Pleasure was for the evening and the night.

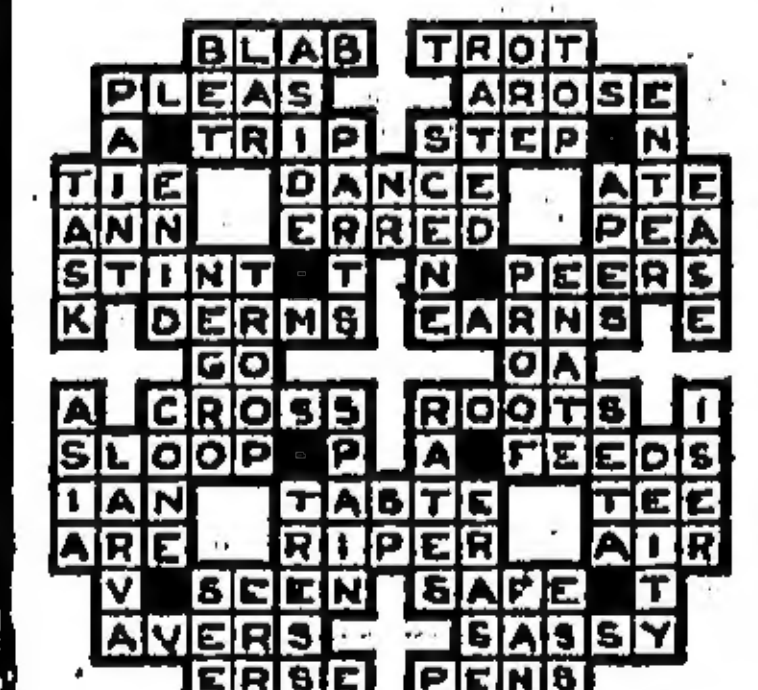
He was really a charming young man, the Russian, but there were so many attractive young men in Paris, especially in these times, and so many of them approached her at the tea dances in the fashionable hotels which she frequented or blurted out their adoration at soirees when she danced. Afterwards, she forgot their names, if not their faces, or their faces if not their names, unless they could be of use to her.

She was a bit annoyed with herself at this incident, anyhow. Rarely did she permit her plans to be deflected and certainly not by some obscure youth. Rosanoff had done her an injustice. She had had no intention of going home with de Signac. The old man was devoted to her, as she said, "one of her court," while in return she tolerated him with an indulgence composed of affection and contempt. She believed that she had recognized a French secret service man at the Pavilion last night (the wine had been spilled to attract Adriana's attention to him) and she had meant to deliver the Marquis to his home as a blind and then go on to Shubin's where, ever since Adriana's instructions, her real interest had been concentrated.

No matter how it suited her to play her part of the moment, Mata Hari had a keen mind, a clear grasp of objective fact, and an immense amount of resolution. Her lovers were seldom perspicacious enough to note that her body was strong as well as seductive, the muscles as limber from steadfast training as those of an athlete. It was her awareness of her own vitality which gave her such command over herself, kept her senses alert, her nerves cool behind the mask.

She sprang out of bed and called to her maid.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



POP—Just A Passing Acquaintance.



"Marietta, is it morning or afternoon?"
"Good afternoon, Madame. It's half past one."
Mata Hari felt really ashamed. She had wasted one whole day by a reckless caprice, for it was impossible to arrange her business with Shubin at the Embassy.
"Bring my chocolate now," she said curtly. "And then ring up Colonel Shubin and say I will dine with him to-night in his rooms. I don't wish to speak to him. Say I am in my bath."

The maid had already opened several boxes of flowers. None of them were important, all were the usual tributes that began the day—except one. This box Mata Hari's eyes chose immediately because of its distinctive shape. However, she could never be sure that she was not mistaken until she had counted the exact number of orchids and made certain that the card which lay among them was of the usual kind of paper.

Some words had been scrawled upon it, a French proverb the equivalent of the English exhortation to "make hay while the sun shines." It might have meant anything or nothing.
But when the dancer took it to her dressing-table, she picked up one of the square bottles, seemingly like all the other bottles thereon and poured a little of the fluid, which smelled like a heavy perfume, on the card. And after a little while, other words appeared faintly between the lines of the proverb.

"They" would be waiting to-night. Just that.
These words, too, might have had the most ordinary connotations. It was hardly necessary to destroy the card (which she did, however, setting fire to the bits among the incense in the burner). Trust Adriana to be prepared for every alternative! He had, of course, kept his operatives near Shubin's house last night, in case she might need to pass on the documents, and the card was both a warning that she was to finish the work to-night and a reassurance that he would supply her with help.

The warning made her angry. Although she deferred to Adriana's shrewdness, and knew that he had much authority, she considered him merely a useful go-between. She couldn't be always running to Spain or Holland and it was dangerous to have her trips end too frequently in dancing engagements in Berlin or Vienna. But she could consult with the highest authorities if she cared to! She was certainly of far greater importance than the run of operatives whom Adriana had in his charge, nor would she permit him for a moment to act as if she were accepting orders from him instead of relayed messages.

It did not lessen her exasperation to be made aware of voices in the boudoir. Often men bribed the servants, forced themselves in upon her; she was accustomed to every trick of approach, to every madness contingent upon refusal. But really—on a day like this—which she needed to have clear! And such an amiable young Russian of whom she had been thinking so kindly because he had sense enough to take his departure without arousing her! Meanwhile, the colloquy went on in the boudoir.

"Is Madame up yet?"
"Is she expecting you?"
"No, but I know it'll be all right."
"But you can't come in here, sir! You must wait in the drawing-room."

"That'll be all right. Tell her it's Alexia's."

The dancer could have imitated every word of this from memory, even to the gestures of apology and helplessness which Marietta made as she was swept aside before the ardour of the suitor, even to the little glance of triumph which the suitor would not be able to refrain from giving the maid when she, Mata Hari, out of sheer impatience to have it over with, would call, "Very well, Marietta."

Poor young man! He did not know what was in store for him! His nice face, all shaming with candid eagerness, his hands stretched out impudently for the welcome he was so sure of, gave her a slight pang. He was so happy! Best to get it over with at once.
Swinging away from her mirror, she met him with a brutal demand. "What have you come back for?" And he did not understand at all. He went right on, silly and happy. "I had to see you. I had an errand to do this morning, and then I rushed right back to you."

"Oh, Mata," he burst out, overwhelmed at his first sight of her in full sunshine, "you are so beautiful!"
"Yes, yes, but why did you come here?"
"I couldn't help it. Out there, the birds were singing, and there was a softness just like Spring in the air and—and my heart was so full of you I had to come back and tell you that I love you ... and take you to lunch."

"Very pretty, but it's almost two and I have an engagement."
This time her irritation became apparent to Rosanoff. He had enough penetration to know that she wasn't being in the least coy. She simply didn't want to see him! Some of the buoyancy went out of him.

"But Mata you can break it. I must take you to lunch."
"I told you I have an appointment."

For the life of him, he could not see what he had done to offend her. Women were unaccountable, but even so there was no reason ... He decided to be masterful.
"And I told you to break it."
This was the everlasting straw. Mata Hari sprang up.

"You are a conceited fool!"
"Why-what?" he stammered.
"You're the most conceited, idiotic boy I've ever seen!"
It wasn't possible! But it was. "I can't imagine," she went on dispassionately, "what makes you think I've given you the right to burst in here and waste my time."

At last Rosanoff recovered himself sufficiently to speak.
"I'm sorry. Last night you told me that you loved me."
"Did I? That was last night, To-day I'm very busy."
She rang for the maid.

At this Rosanoff could not restrain an incredulous exclamation. She saw by his face that he was shocked beyond belief, not alone by the dismissal but by this ultimate rudeness. But now it was too late. She meant to finish what she had begun.

"Marietta, show the gentleman out."
In a quiet voice, Rosanoff said, "You are quite right. I have been a fool. I won't make this mistake again."
Nor did he commit the faux pas of turning on his heel.

He bowed quite correctly, leaving Mata Hari, if he had only known it, rather inclined to reinstate him in her esteem, if not her affections. She had to admit that his exit had been fully as insulting in its dignity as her rejection in its bluntness, before she forgot him wholly in the absorbing affair of making her toilette.

For a concentrated business it was. Ever since, she had learned that glamour could mean a career, she had worked relentlessly to preserve the spell now that it had been cast. Whatever made for the mystery surrounding her had been

RADIO
TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C.s):—

5-8 p.m.—European Programme.
5-5.40 p.m.—A Concert.
Orga Solo—
"Faust"—Waltz (Gounod),
Edward O'Henry (B2873).

Song—
Little Brown Owl (Sanderson),
Mavis Bennett (Soprano) (B2190).

Piano Solo—
Etude, Op. 10 (Chopin) (No. 11 in E Flat—No. 12 in C Minor),
Etudes, Op. 25 (Chopin) (No. 1 in A Flat Major—No. 12 C Minor),
Wilhelm Bachaus (6894).

Song—
I Know of Two Bright Eyes (Clutnam),
Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal (Quilter),
Derek Oldham (Tenor) (B2870).

Organ Solo—
Spirit of the Dance (Ewing),
Edward O'Henry (B3636).

Song—
Wait (D'Hardelot),
John Turner (Tenor) (B2205).

Piano Solo—
Etudes, Op. 10 (Chopin) (No. 10 in A Flat Major—No. 9 in F Minor),
Etudes, Op. 25 (Chopin) (No. 2 in F Minor—No. 11 in A Minor),
Wilhelm Bachaus (6895).

5.40-6.10 p.m.—Children's Concert from the Studio.
6.10-7 p.m.—
Symphony No. 5, "From the New World" (Dvorak Op. 95).

(Continued at foot of next column.)

retained, whatever interfered with it, cast off, erased with such a will that it was impossible to decide where, in her own recollection, truth left off and fancy began.

Was she really the daughter of a Dutch shopkeeper? No one had ever learned this from her lips. To the world, to her acquaintances, to her intimates, perhaps even to herself, she clung to the account that she had been born in Java, where her parents, high-caste Brahmins had dedicated her to the service of a temple. Her dances were part of the temple ritual. Her name, Mata Hari, meant Eye of the Morning. She had been in Java—that was certain. She had studied the religions of the Orient, that too, was evident. People who attempted to confuse her with their questions were obliged to admit as much.

Had she really been married to a Scottish army officer and been beaten, divorced, known hunger and every privation, as was rumored? It was perhaps the most complete tribute to her reticence that even her maid could not obtain the slightest clue that her past had differed in any way from which she chose to acknowledge.

She had one regret which she freely admitted, that she had not based her life more on her considerable talent for the dance. Her distractions had begun to pall on her; men she had begun to find either troublesome or wearisome. When she told Adriana that she had become a spy for the excitement, she was not lying. It was the only game left—a glorious game!

At seven o'clock, returning from another appointment, she dismissed her car and took a taxi to Shubin's quarters. He had had a table set intimately for two in the living-room. He came forward while the servant was still announcing her and seized her hands.

"If I'm late, it's because my sleigh was pursued by wolves."
"Ah yes, those wolves! They took you for a Russian naturally in your pretty costume."
She sat down at the table, throwing aside her loose wrap. "Brr!" she said, "I am frozen to death in your Russia."

Shubin knew that it was only an excuse for him to order a fire so that his man would have to leave the room.

TO-MORROW—The Quarrel With Shubin.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions:
To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel and King's Restaurant; Dinner Dances at Hong Kong, and Peninsula Hotels and King's Restaurant.
Saturday—Craigengower Cricket Club Annual Bachelors' Dance.
Entertainments:
To-day—King's Theatre; "Ladies of the Big House," also Charles Zimmy, the legless wonder.
To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Rosary."
To-day—Central Theatre; "Tarzan the Tiger."
To-day—Star Theatre; "Hush Money."
To-day—Star Theatre; "Coquette."
To-day—Harmston's Circus, Reclamation Ground, Wanchai, Home Mall.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Suez (Rajputana); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Rajputana), 6 p.m.

To-morrow—Inward from America (President Taft); from Europe via Siberia (Nalderal).

Lammer's Auction.
Monday—At Sales Room, household furniture, 2.30 p.m.
Land Sale.
Monday—At P.W.D. Office, one lot of Crown land at Wong Nei Chung, 8 p.m.

Meetings.
To-morrow—Meeting of the Hong Kong Practical Psychology Club at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant at 6 p.m.

To-morrow—Star Ferry Co., Ltd., Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Office, 12.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Kowloon Residents' Association, St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, 8 p.m.

Saturday—Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, 1 Queen's Road, Central 11.30 a.m.

Monday—Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

March 2—Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Road, 11 a.m.

March 2—Hong Kong Realty & Trust Co., Ltd., Exchange Building, noon.

Flower Show.
March 3—Hong Kong Horticultural Show, Volunteer Headquarters, 8-7 p.m.

Played by the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leopold Stokowski (M-1).

7.03-7.44 p.m.—Variety.
Humorous Dialogue—
Getting a Motor,
Getting a Wife,
Constance Collier & Ronald Squire (C1840).

Orchestral—
Honolulu Sweetheart of Mine, Along Miami Shore,
Hilo Hawaiian Orchestra (B2850).

Humorous Dialogue—
My Wireless Set,
John Henry and "Blossom" (B2155).

Song—
Just Keepin' On,
Mighty Lak a Rose,
Paul Robeson (Bass) B3198.

Organ Solo—
Make Believe,
Why Do I Love You?
Edward O'Henry B2862.

Vocal Trio—
There's Room in my Heart,
Walter Glynn, Sydney Coltham & George Baker.

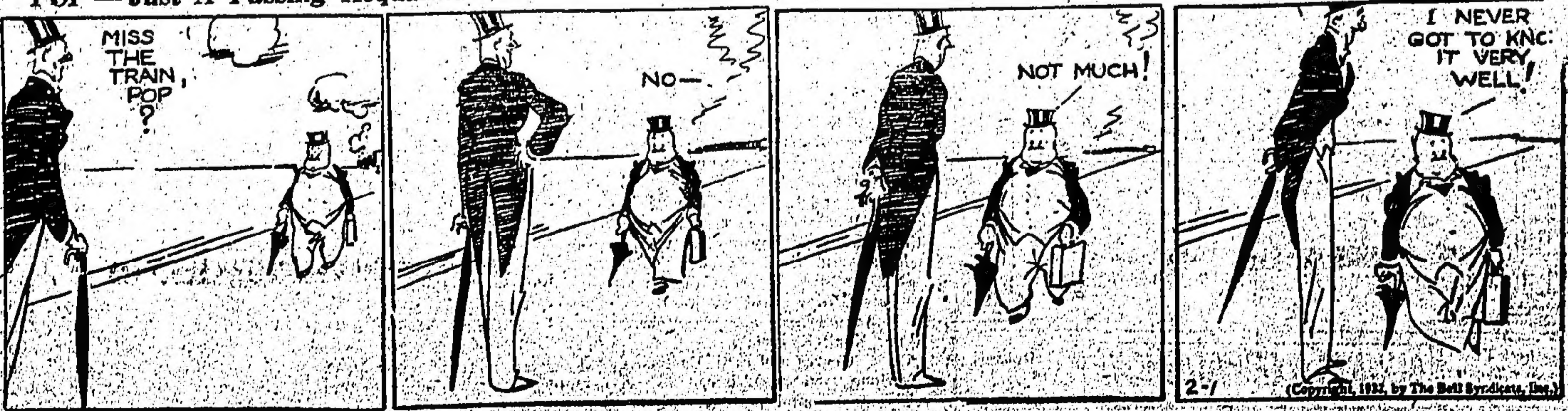
Song—
Peace of Mind,
Gene Austin (Tenor) (B3201).

7.44-8 p.m.—
Sonata No. 1 (Debussy).
Played by May Harrison & Arnold Bax (Violin and Piano) (C1749-50).

8 p.m.—Local Time.
8.03-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Concert from the Studio.

10.33 p.m.—Close Down.
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MITCHELL AND BECK SCORE FREELY.

Volunteers Gain Great Victory at H.K.C.C.

MUSSON'S EFFORT.

The Volunteers gained a great victory yesterday on the H.K.C.C. ground against the United Services when they won by the large margin of 8 wickets.

For their win they were greatly indebted to Mitchell (86) and Beck (79 not out), who participated in a prolific third wicket partnership.

Scores:—

United Services.	
Lt. Comdr. Skyrme, c Mc-	
Lellan, b Beck	19
Whiteway-Wilkinson, c F. S.	
W. Smith, b Beck	4
Price, c L. B. Smith, b	
McLellan	8
Lt. A. H. Musson, c L. B.	
Smith, b McLellan	83
Lt. A. C. Hamilton, b McLellan	
13	
Lt. Anstruther, b Beck	6
Capt. Burnett, c Griffiths, b	
F. S. W. Smith	17
Q.M.S. Sadd, b McLellan	3
Lt. Villiers, not out	10
Extras	10

Total (for 8 wks., dec.) 173

Stephens and Cate did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Beck	18	2	87	3
McLellan	10	3	23	4
Baker	3	0	24	0
F. S. W. Smith	5	1	14	1
L. B. Smith	2	0	15	0

Volunteers.

H. J. Armstrong, c Stephens,

b Hamilton

N. A. E. Mackay, b Hamilton

21

E. J. R. Mitchell, b Hamilton

86

A. C. Beck, not out

79

Extras

Total (for 3 wks.) ... 197

L. B. Smith, F. S. W. Smith, D.

McLellan, W. D. Foley, R. H.

Griffiths, F. Baker, and R. M.

Wood did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hamilton	10	1	44	3
Stephens	4	0	25	0
Musson	5	0	46	0
Anstruther	4	0	35	0
Cate	3	0	22	0
Burnett	1	0	16	0

K.C.C. League Teams.

The first eleven of the Kowloon Cricket Club against the Indian R.C. at Sookunpo in a League match on Saturday will be composed of the following players:—

J. C. Lyl, F. Goodwin, E. C.

Fincher, E. F. Fincher, F.

Zimmerman, W. C. Hung, N. A. E.

Mackay, G. C. Burnett, G. A.

White, H. A. Gregory and R. G. V.

Mead.

Junior Match.

For their Second Division match the Kowloon C.C. will be represented by the following players against the Indian R.C. at King's Park:—

H. Overy, G. Lee, F. S. W.

Smith, F. E. Lawrence, F. E.

Skinner, J. Hunter, A. R. F.

Raven, O. B. Raven, H. Hampton,

C. F. Wood, and D. S. Green.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

Draw for the Hong Foursomes.

The draw for the Hong Foursomes of the Kowloon Golf Club has been made and resulted as follows:—

G. E. L. Johnson and W. Simpson. (Public Works Department), bye.

F. Bishop and Widdock (Naval Yard) v. H. Mundy and F. Edwards (Doddwell); R. G. Craig and J. McKelvie (Kowloon Dock) v. Reed and Brayley (Sanitary Department); J. G. May and H. C. Russell (Mackintosh & Co.) v. J. McKnight and L. J. Gave (Mustard & Co.); W. Taylor and G. L. Angus (China Light & Power Co.) v. L. Goldman and E. C. Fincher (Gillman & Co.); F. E. Remedios and S. Jex (Union Trading Co.) v. T. P. Sanderson and W. Stoker (Hong Kong Electric).

W. M. Groves and L. G. Eastman (Kowloon Godowns), bye.

The first round matches are to be played on Sunday.

VILLA WIN OVER THE WEDNESDAY.

Southport's Two Points Away from Home.

LINCOLN'S HOME WIN.

London, Yesterday. The following were the results of to-day's League matches as cabled by Reuter:—

First Division.

Aston Villa 3 Wednesday

Third Division (North).

Darlington 0 Southport

Lincoln C. 3 Carlisle

Our Sports Diary.

To-day.

LAWN TENNIS—Open Singles—J. Barrow v. F. Hata; W. Wirth v. J. W. Leonard; J. J. White v. F. H. Kwok; Lee Wai-toi v. F. Grose; G. W. Sewell v. A. E. Guest; Tsui Wai-pui v. G. Lai; H. D. Rumliah v. Lee Wai-tong.

To-morrow.

LAWN TENNIS—Open Singles—A. H. Harkins v. Yew Man-kit; In Tak-cheuk v. J. A. Cassumbay; M. K. Lo v. Y. Hachiuma; E. C. Fincher v. J. Barrow or F. Hata; S. A. Rumliah v. Tsui Wai-pui; Open Doubles—G. W. Sewell and L. Wright v. Wong Fuk-nam and H. R. Ho; G. A. Noronha and L. A. da Rocha v. T. L. Lu and C. G. Luk; A. R. Mau and A. H. Madar v. W. T. Lee and D. C. Luk; C. F. Hyde and M. W. Turner v. A. V. Remedios and L. A. Ribeiro.

Saturday.

CRICKET—First Division—Indian R.C. v. Kowloon C.C. (L.); University v. Navy (L.); Craigengower C.C. v. Civil Service C.C. (F.); Second Division—Kowloon C.C. v. Indian R.C. (L.); Civil Service C.C. v. Craigengower C.C. (F.); Royal Engineers & Signals v. University (F.).

FOOTBALL—First Division—Kowloon v. Borderers; Navy v. St. Joseph's; Third Division—Royal Engineers v. Royal Air Force; Borderers v. Rovers.

RACING—Annual Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

Sunday.

FOOTBALL—Charity Match—Army v. Chinese at Caroline Hill at 4.30 p.m.

GOLF—Final of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Captain's Cup.

HUNTING—Fanning Hunt Hounds Meet at Lokmachau at 3.15 p.m.

THE 1932 OLYMPIC GAMES.

135 Programmes in 16 Days.

JULY 30 THE DATE.

The official programme of events for the tenth Olympic Games affords some idea of the magnitude of the spectacle of sport which will be provided at Los Angeles, U.S.A., next Summer.

Beginning with the opening ceremony and parade of nations on July 30, and ending with the closing ceremony on August 14, the Games will include 135 distinct programmes within 16 days. It is expected that approximately fifty nations will be represented at the Games, and at least nine different sites in Los Angeles will be used for the various contests.

The stadium will be the centre of activity, for in the arena, surrounded by tiers of seats capable of accommodating 105,000 people, will be held the opening and closing ceremonies, the track and field athletics competitions, gymnastics, field hockey, and equestrian jumping contests. American football, and lacrosse matches, although not included in the category of Olympic competitions, are included in the programme as demonstration events.

While competitions are held daily in the Olympic Stadium, there will be boxing and wrestling in the Olympic Auditorium, rowing at the Long Beach Marine Stadium, swimming, diving, and water polo in the Olympic Park, swimming stadium, and fencing in the State Armory, Olympic Park.

CLUB DEFEAT THE BORDERERS.

Narrow Hockey Victory at King's Park.

ONLY SEVEN REGULARS.

On the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday afternoon, a weak Hong Kong Hockey Club first eleven defeated the South Wales Borderers by the odd goal in three in a friendly hockey encounter.

Play was very fast in spite of the hard going of the ground. The Club fielded seven of their regular players, and were assisted by three incognito players and a member of the Queen's Royal Regiment.

In the first five minutes of the game, Francis scored for the Club, with a fast shot that hit the top left corner of the net. In the second half, the Borderers equalised through their centre-forward, but shortly after R. C. Reed, netted the Club's winning goal. The remainder of the game produced a ding-dong struggle.

In the Club's forward line, Francis and R. C. Reed combined with understanding. In the defence, the team was much below its usual standard. For the Borderers, Ford, Capt. Smeathers, Lt. Tyler and Johnson played well.

Club "A" Eleven.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" team v. C.B.A. at King's Park to-morrow at 5.15 p.m.:

E. S. Moses; L. A. R. Duncan (captain), L. F. Nicholson; F. W. Allen, E. G. S. Dale, K. H. Uttley; S. Hill, W. H. Smith, W. A. Nowers, J. L. Tetley, and G. F. Rees.

Hong Kong Ladies' Eleven.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club in a friendly match against St. Andrew's on the Diocesan Girls' School ground at 5.15 p.m. to-day:—

M. Bird; E. M. Gray, J. Smalley; B. Franklin, A. Owen Hughes, C. Ferguson; E. S. Laing, M. Smalley, P. M. Harrop, A. G. Orme, and E. Blackburn.

CAMPBELL BREAKS SPEED RECORD.

253.968 m.p.h. at Daytona Beach.

On the Daytona Beach track to-day Sir Malcolm Campbell created a new world's motoring record by registering 253.968 m.p.h.—Reuter.

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Daytona, Later.

Sir Malcolm Campbell's first run was made at a speed of 267.459 m.p.h. whilst his second run showed a decrease in speed—241.773 m.p.h.

Further Records.

At Daytona Beach, Sir Malcolm Campbell broke further world records when he did the kilometre at 251.340 m.p.h. and the five kilometres at 241.569 m.p.h.—Reuter.

MR. A. S. DEBENHAM.

Death Of Managing Director Of The A.P.C.

News was received in Singapore of the sudden death at home recently of Mr. Archibald Scott Debenham, the managing director of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., and a director of the Shell Transport and Trading Co., the Royal Dutch and their subsidiary companies. He had been associated with the Shell group for over 30 years.

Mr. Debenham was one of the leading figures in the oil world, and the full list of the companies with which he was associated, are as follows:—Anglo-Mexican Petroleum Co., Ltd.; Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., Ltd.; Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd.; Bataafsche Petroleum Maatschappij, Candles, Ltd.; Consolidated Petroleum Co., Ltd.; Eagle Oil and Shipping Co., Ltd.; London and National Property Co., Ltd.; Shell Co. (Gold Coast) Ltd.; Shell Co. of Nigeria, Ltd.; Shell, Mex. Ltd.; and Shell Transport and Trading Co., Ltd.

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ROUND HONG KONG'S CINEMA THEATRES

MAIL REVIEWERS.

"ZIMMY."

Everything that was claimed for "Zimmy," variously described as the Half-Man Wonder and the World's Champion Legless Swimmer, was verified by large audiences at all shows of the King's Theatre yesterday, when the man with "36 inches and no feet," that's his own joke, not mine, made his first stage appearance here.

Before "Zimmy" rolled on (on a roller skate), a short film was shown of the "Zimmies" at home—"Zimmy" himself, Mrs. "Zimmy" and two bonny "Zimmy" kiddies. In this film we see "Zimmy" romp about his garden with his children, run up and down steps as fast as they could, drive a motor car, play golf with regulation size clubs, perched on a stool to give him the required height, and dive, swim and ride the surf-board at Waikiki.

Then the cheerful American appears in the flesh and cracks jokes about bunions, corns and other feet troubles from which he never suffers. He climbs on a table and a chair and jumps off them with ease, does his "daily dozen" balanced only on the thumb and first finger of each hand, and then enters a small glass tank, in which, with the water above his head, he eats, drinks and smokes, being, in fact, more at home than a fish in water! Then, last, but by no means least, he gives a dance on his short stumps, and gee! how Zimmy can Shimmy.

"Ladies of the Big House." The feature film in the programme is "Ladies of the Big House," a gripping story of crooks, crooked police official, and jail life in America, and of a young couple who get caught in this net of vice and the man nearly hangs for a murder which he never committed. The girl saves him in the end and they have the satisfaction of seeing those who "railroaded" them "go up the river" for long spells, while they sail for their belated honeymoon in Russia, of all places, after such a terrible experience! But he has a job in an oil field there, and I suppose roubles are just as useful as dollars—if you get plenty of them. —JAY.

OFFICIAL SOURCES.

"LADIES OF THE BIG HOUSE."

Jane Darwell, the Widow Douglas of Paramount's "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn," was resigned by that company to portray one of the outstanding roles in the romance, "Ladies of the Big House," featuring Sylvia Sydney and Gene Raymond. The picture, which is a heart-grIPPING love story of two young persons, who get in a mix-up with gangsters and are caught and convicted of murder, though innocent, is the featured attraction at the King's Theatre.

Miss Darwell made her screen debut in the second motion picture ever produced by Paramount. It was "Brewster's Millions," and was produced in the historic barn that was the original Paramount studio. Had she arrived in Hollywood a week sooner, Miss Darwell would have been in Paramount's first film. Miss Darwell returned to the stage after two years, and returned to pictures to make her talking screen debut in "Tom Sawyer." She is one of the older school of melodramatic and repertoire stage show artists, and has played hundreds of roles in all parts of the country.

"CANARIES SOMETIMES SING."

"Extraneous disturbances" are the bane of the "Talkie" director. A cough, perhaps the dropping of an aspirate, a shuffle, or any sound at the moment the microphone is "alive" is dreaded. Tom Walls, who directed "Canaries Sometimes Sing," will be shown at the King's Theatre next Sunday, says that the fear something untoward will happen during the taking of a scene is very wearing. The possibility of a disturbance is always in one's mind, and there are other "little troubles." He told of the canary which was an important super in "Canaries Sometimes Sing." "Percy" was required to be disconsolate and, therefore, quiet in his cage. But the property people selected a

cock bird which persisted in singing and spoiled three or four scenes. Then they introduced a hen bird which, after the manner of her sex, twittered when she should not have done.

"TARZAN THE TIGER."

The age-old dislike of the horse for the camel was graphically illustrated during the filming of "Tarzan the Tiger," Universal's vivid and exciting sound serial, the first chapter of which is showing to-day at the Central Theatre. Ancient historians have chronicled how, in old battles, cavalry was disorganized by stampeding the horses with camels. During a street scene in "Tarzan the Tiger," one horse became so unmanageable at the sight of camels that he nearly threw his rider and hurled the entire scene into confusion. Succeeding efforts produced the same result, and the terrified horse finally had to be led off the set. Frank Merrill and Natalie Kingston have the leading roles in this stupendous jungle picture, based on Edgar Rice Burroughs' famous novel, "Tarzan and the Jewels of Opar." The serial was directed by Henry MacRae.

"GUILTY HANDS."

Weird sound and lighting effects heighten the atmosphere of mystery and suspense in "Guilty Hands," Bayard Veiller's new murder drama, which will open at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday, with Lionel Barrymore in the leading role.

W. S. Van Dyke directed the thrilling feature for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, employing new tricks of camera and sound to add eerie tenor to the dramatic scenes which are climaxed by one of the strangest killings conceived by the master of mystery plays.

In the murder picture, Barrymore plays the part of a veteran prosecutor and criminal attorney, who, he is convinced, is about to ruin his daughter's happiness. He uses all his past experience with criminals in hiding his part in the crime from the police. By an ingenious trick he provides himself with an alibi and then proceeds to place suspicion on a number of people who were present at the time of the murder. The manner in which the identity of the murderer is finally revealed makes for a wide variety of thrills and surprises.

Kay Francis shares leading honors with Barrymore in the production, playing a heavy dramatic role. Romantic interest centres around Madge Evans and William Bakewell. The cast also includes C. Aubrey Smith, Polly Moran and Alan Mowbray.

WANTED TO PAY FOR WIFE BY INSTALLMENTS.

Purchaser Killed By The Angry Husband.

An Englishman, Paul Cox, who bought a wife for £25 at Zagreb, Yugoslavia, and wanted to pay by instalments, has been murdered. The wife of a Croatian friend had fallen in love with him, and after a time he succumbed to her charms.

When the husband, an older man, discovered them together, Cox offered him £25 for his wife. The husband agreed, and the younger man took his "purchase" home.

But next day, when the money was not forthcoming, the husband became angry. Finding the lovers in a cafe, he demanded the money at once.

Cox offered £5 down, the remainder by instalments. In reply he received a blow on the head with a chair which cracked his skull. Grief-stricken, the wife drank poison and is at the point of death.

MEETING TO PART AGAIN.

Two brothers who had not seen one another for twenty years met in curious circumstances, in the office of the examining magistrates at Lyons. The magistrate was investigating the exploits of a band of motor-car thieves when he learned that a man known as Auguste Brachet had been acting as receiver

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S FIRE.

Race Ponies' Matched Destroyed.

TIMELY RESCUE OF ANIMALS.

There was a wild stampede when a fire broke out at the matched in which were housed race ponies belonging to Messrs. A. M. L. Soares and F. M. L. Soares, the owners of Flying Tourist, Night Patrol, Ghost Train and other prominent griffins and subscription griffins. The matched was situated near the Lee Gardens. The mafios succeeded in releasing the ponies and getting them away to safety. The Fire Station sent out two engines which had not much difficulty in extinguishing the flames.

Mr. Kinchin, of the Hong Kong Jockey Club stables, who was among the first to arrive on the scene, directed the work of getting all other ponies in the adjacent stables to safety. Only one third of the stable has been damaged.

During the excitement the mafios let loose some of the ponies, which ran into the street, and it took some time to recapture them.

The cause of the fire is believed to have been a leakage of electricity through a short circuit.

CHILD TAKEN BY CROCODILE.

Four-Year Old Girl Playing in River.

Townsville, (Queensland). A four-year-old child, Betty Doherty, was taken by a crocodile in the Seymour River at Halifax one morning recently.

The four Doherty children were playing a short distance from their home on the bank of the river, when a crocodile appeared. A 10-year-old lad immediately took alarm and carried one child up the bank out of danger, and returning, had just picked up four-year-old Betty when the saurian seized the child's leg and tore her from the boy's grasp, threw her backwards into the river, then turned around and followed to where the child had disappeared beneath the water.

An intensive search of the river waters and the bank so far have failed to reveal any trace of the missing child.

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On a warrant being issued for the man's arrest two men answering to the name of Auguste Brachet were arrested. When confronted in court they fell into each other's arms. They were brothers, they explained, and had lost sight of one another since they left home as boys. The explanations that followed, however, soon spelt their reunion. The one who was a member of the gang of thieves admitted that he had taken his brother's name to conceal his real identity. His name is Jean Louis. He had to say good-bye to the real Auguste Brachet in the magistrate's presence, for he must serve a sentence of imprisonment

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A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

In Admiralty Jurisdiction on February 19, the Chief Justice gave judgment against the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, on claim and counter-claim, involving over \$80,000, arising out of a collision in Hong Kong harbour in March, 1931, between the Japanese s.s. Toyooka Maru and the China Navigation Company's steamer Kiangnan. His Lordship said he had no hesitation in saying that the main cause, at least, of the collision was the action of the Toyooka Maru in going across the fairway into fog. He had also come to the conclusion that the Japanese ship could have avoided a collision by dropping her anchor. A full text of the finding is published in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The Annual Race Meeting opened at Happy Valley on February 20, in brilliant weather. Times were fast and the turf was in perfect condition. However, it rained on the fourth day, but that did not in any way dampen the enthusiasm of racegoers. The Ladies' Purse was won by Mr. Y. S. Chang, his mount being King's Bounty, the favourite for the event. Several record times were broken, Doctor's Mandate doing exceptionally well in that line, lowering a record on the second day, and then beating his own record the following day! Dividends were fairly high, the biggest being \$551, for second place, and \$434 for third place. Liberty Bay (Mr. Hill up) won the Derby in a common center. The lucky winner of the Derby first prize, \$12,000 odd, was a Chinese man. A full report of the meeting is chronicled in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The China-Japan war is still raging, in spite of what the Powers are endeavouring to do to restore peace. Reports of a big Chinese victory over the Japanese was current in Hong Kong on February 23, and soon every Chinese citizen was celebrating the good news. Crackers were fired all over the place, and the streets were littered with red paper. Latest movements of troops in the war zone, and the grave situation in Shanghai are dealt with fully in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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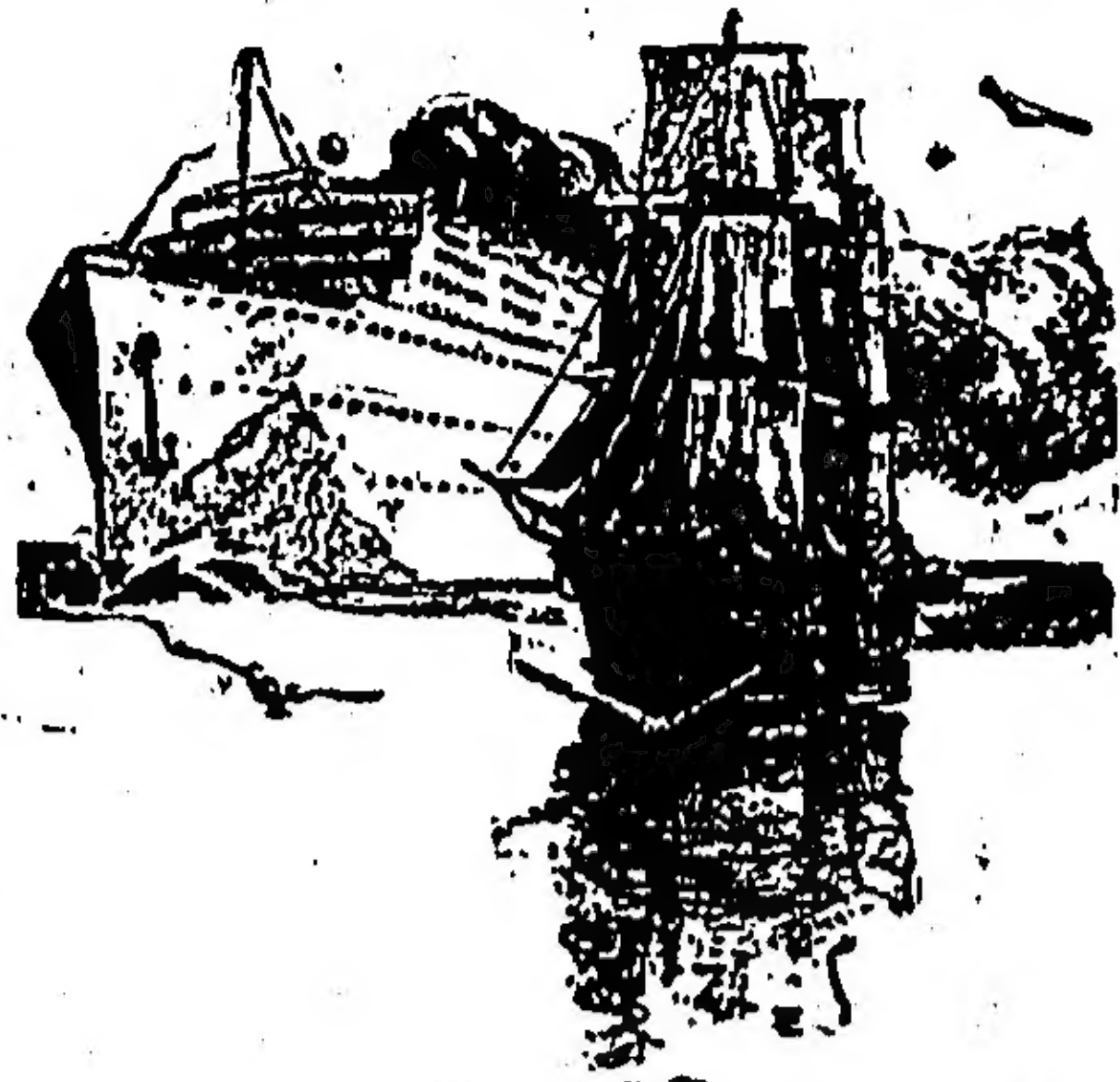
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WHITEAWAYS

The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Thursday, Feb. 25, 1932.

A Constitutional Innovation.

A month ago, almost to a day as
dutes go, there occurred in Great
Britain a crisis, a Cabinet crisis.
The news of this crisis, which
was not altogether unexpected,
was duly cabled to this Colony,
as also was the news of the ex-
pedient adopted to meet it.

Interested and concerned as
the public here has been for
many months past in important
happenings nearer the Colony,
not a very great deal of thought
seems to have been given to the
incident. It has been over-
shadowed heavily by the Shang-
hai campaign. This is not sur-
prising. To-day, however, for a
change, it is proposed to draw
attention to the subject, because
it is an event of historical im-
portance. And it is of historical
importance, not only to the Bri-
tish Commonwealth of Nations,
but to all who, with little under-
standing, proclaim themselves to
be democrats.

The crisis arose — as from the
day the National Government,
with its National Cabinet, was
formed, it had been expected to
arise — on the one question
which, like the Sword of Damocles,
had been suspended above the
Cabinet, threatening, when
the hair strand gave way, to cut
into pieces that body entrusted
with the destiny of the world's
greatest Empire of the day. The
question, of course, was that of
a General Tariff. For weeks a
Cabinet Committee had been ex-
amining the problem, and when,
at last, its report, which recom-
mended a general emergency
tariff at a uniform rate of 10 to
15 per cent., was presented, it
was revealed that it was a
majority, and not unanimous,
report.

In ordinary circumstances, a
"split in the Cabinet" would
have meant the Premier's re-
signation and an appeal to the
country. In other words a Gen-
eral Election. But this is no or-
dinary time. It is recognised
generally as a time of emer-
gency. The National Govern-

ment came into power on the
crest of the wave Emergency,
and the wave, it will be conced-
ed, has yet not cast up on the
beach its burden.

Accordingly, Mr. Ramsay
MacDonald, not afraid of tread-
ing new and untried paths,
showed as great courage as he
has shown on occasions be-
fore, and challenged a system of
government that has endured for
over two centuries. He declined
to regard the "split" as a hint
to resign. He decided to carry
on. The emergency, which had
brought into power the National
Government, yet existed. And
the National Government had
not yet accomplished the task
the country had set it to do.

So, in this manner, was the
crisis temporarily averted. The
following statement was
issued.

The Cabinet has had before
it the report of its Committee
on the Balance of Trade, and,
after prolonged discussion, it
has been found impossible to
reach a unanimous conclusion
on the Committee's recom-
mendations.

The Cabinet, however, is
deeply impressed with the
paramount importance of main-
taining national unity in the
presence of the grave problems
that now confront this country
and the whole world.

It has accordingly deter-
mined that some modification
of usual Ministerial practice is
required, and has decided that
Ministers who find themselves
unable to support the conclu-
sions arrived at by the majority
of their colleagues on the sub-
ject of import duties and cog-
nate matters are to be at
liberty to express their views
by speech and vote.

The Cabinet, being essen-
tially united on all other matters
of politics, believes that, by
this special provision it is best
interpreting the will of the
nation and the needs of the
times.

Now, this action was decidedly a
constitutional innovation — a "great
national experiment." It has been
described. And it was to be ex-
pected that so bold a step would
be sharply and severely criticised.
"In all quarters," Home news-
papers tell us, "it was received
with surprise, in some with the
hottest hostility. In others with
misgiving, but to the great mass of
responsible citizens, there can be
no doubt, it has presented itself as
an experimental method of escape
from an immense political danger,
and is entitled, therefore, to a full
and honest trial of its quality as
a workable expedient."

There are but two ways of re-
solving this bold challenge to
precedents. Either you reject it as
unconstitutional, or accept it as
another example of British
flexibility for political compromise in
a grave emergency.

Times change, so it is said. And
we are, also it is said, in an age
of experiments, and in an age of
bold, headstrong, and foolish at-
tempts, try out. The spirit burns
strongly in us to try new paths.
The well-trodden paths of our fore-
fathers are avoided. We pride
ourselves on our modernity, our
originality, our broadmindedness,
and our fearlessness of bold ex-
periment. Above all, we pride
ourselves on our lack of con-
servatism. And, are there any
reasons of such great importance
that, in our political life, we
should not innovate, should not
boldly experiment? We think not.
So, remembering just this one
fact, that we are yet in a state of
emergency, let us, whatever our
views on the subject of the carry-
ing on of a Cabinet split in two
superb, while a very closely al-
lied species is found in the extreme
south-eastern portion of New South
Wales and Victoria, and known as
Queen Victoria lyre bird (Menura
victoriae); and the most northern
form is Prince Albert lyre bird
(Menura alberti), which frequents
the jungles of the Richmond and
Tweed River districts of north-
eastern New South Wales and south-
eastern Queensland. The first
nest and egg of this particular
species was discovered by the late
Mr. J. F. Wilcox, in the Richmond
River district, in August, 1882, and
were forwarded to the British Mu-
seum a month later.

News in Brief.

Lowest open air temperature
yesterday was 58. Humidity at
10 a.m. was 86 and at 4 p.m. 89.

Whilst asleep in a cockpit at 425,
Hennessy Road, Wanchai, a youth,
Ng Hung-kong, (19), was stabbed
near the abdomen. He suspects an-
other fohi, who is alleged to have
since absconded.

Entries close to-day for the Hong
Kong Horticultural Society Flower
Show which is to take place on
March 3. Intending exhibitors
should send their entries at once
to the Secretary's Office at No. 11
Queen's Road Central.

An interesting lecture on "Snakes
of Hong Kong" was given by Dr.
G. A. C. Herklotz, to members of
the Medical Society of the Hong
Kong University, yesterday after-
noon. After the lecture those pre-
sent were given the opportunity of
examining live and preserved speci-
mens.

A meeting of the Theosophical
Society will be held at No. 17,
Queen's Road Central, this evening,
when Mr. M. Manuk will give an
address on "The Religious Beliefs
of the Maoris of New Zealand." The
meeting, which is open to the
general public, will commence at
six o'clock.

Personal Pars.

The Crown Princess Martha of
Norway has given birth to a
daughter.

Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, (Puisne
Judge) arrived from England after
long leave this morning, aboard
the P. and O. s.s. Rajputana.

Detective-Inspector W. Shannon,
of the C.I.D., returned from leave
on the P. & O. Rajputana this
morning. Detective-Inspector K. W.
Andrew, who acted in Inspector
Shannon's absence, has been trans-
ferred to Yau-mat C.I.D. office.

The forthcoming marriages are
announced of Nathan Moise Concoff,
of Messrs. Sennett Freres, Nanking
Road, Shanghai, and Vera
Gensburger, staying at the Penin-
sula Hotel; and of Max German,
merchant, of 32, Gloucester
Building, and Vera Fsmolova, of 10,
Fung Fai Terrace.

Lady Clementi and Miss Clementi
were passengers in the R.S.F.C.'s
Saro Cutty Sark during one of her
flights over the week-end, says the
Singapore Free Press. The machine
was piloted by the Chief Inspector
(Ft.-Lt. S. H. Potter) and by Mr.
E. Rhodes (hon. secretary) and as-
sistant instructor).

The engagement is announced of
Mr. Ng Sze-ling, the well-known
sportman, and Miss Leung, younger
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leung
Yue-tat of Hong Kong. Mr. Ng Sze-
ling is the second son
of Mr. Ng Pak-to, a re-
tired gentleman, and a descen-
dant of a very old and distinguished
Chinese family. His great grand-
father was originally a high official
of Fukien who came to the south as
a refugee at the time of the Tai
Ping Rebellion. Mr. Ng Sze-
ling's grandfather, the late Mr.
Ng Cheung, was one of the earliest
settlers in the Colony, being one of
the pioneers. He died in the
prime of life, sixty years ago,
a millionaire.

NATURE'S PERFECT VENTRILOQUIST

THE LYRE BIRD.
Wonderful Mimicry.

The lyre bird, also known as the
Australian mocking bird, inhabits
the tall and densely timbered moun-
tainous country, extending from
the extreme south-eastern corner of
Queensland to Victoria, and chiefly
on the coastal areas, writes S. W.
Jackson in the Sydney Morning
Herald.

We have three species, all of
which are wonderful mimics, and
the best known of these is the lyre
bird of New South Wales (Menura
superba), while a very closely al-
lied species is found in the extreme
south-eastern portion of New South
Wales and Victoria, and known as
Queen Victoria lyre bird (Menura
victoriae); and the most northern
form is Prince Albert lyre bird
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species was discovered by the late
Mr. J. F. Wilcox, in the Richmond
River district, in August, 1882, and
were forwarded to the British Mu-
seum a month later.

The tail feathers of the male of
this species are very different to
those in the males of the other two
species, and are not so handsome,
and the two central feathers, nar-
row and prolonged, cross each other
at the base.

The introduced fox is playing
much havoc with the lyre birds, and
the many bundles of their blood-
stained feathers which are left be-
hind bear testimony of one of the
various species that this plunderer
feeds upon.

The ruthless and senseless de-
struction of the lyre bird for the
sake of the tail feathers has, to a
certain extent, diminished its num-
bers in some districts. All lovers
of bird and beast should do their
best to prevent it.

During the year 1902, when the
very severe drought period existed,
these birds were naturally half-
starved, and parties of cruel hun-
ters set fire to their haunts, in order
to drive the birds out, and killed
over 400 of these lovely creatures
for the sake of securing their tails,
which, as most people know, re-
semble very much the shape of a
harp or "lyre." However, it is
pleasing to know that the Birds'
Protection Act of to-day prohibits
such slaughter taking place again,
or anyone having a tail in their
possession.

Wonderful Mimicry.
The ordinary call of the New
South Wales lyre bird is a loud
whistling—"Che-ock, che-ock." This
call is frequently followed by a
burst of mimicry, in which the
notes of all the surrounding birds,
of various species, follow, with
bewildering rapidity of exactness.
I have often patiently listened to
one of these charming birds giving
one of its concerts, and was greatly
surprised at the accurate repro-
ductions, especially those of the
harmonious thrush, the coach-whip
bird, the clear ringing notes of
which were simply perfection. The
bushman well understands that
there is not, as might appear, a full
rehearsal by forest songsters, es-
pecially arranged for his benefit,
but that the sound proceeds from a
feathered humorist, who, either
from sheer love of varied notes, or
to deceive his natural enemy, is
giving proof of his wonderful
powers. I frequently found that
this mimicry is not alone confined
to the calls of birds, but any other
local sound or noise will serve as
something to imitate. The dis-
tant thud of a woodman's axe, the
rattle of hobbie chains, the clink of
the saddle-carried pannikin, the
puff and whistle of a railway train,
the howling of the dingy, and the
screaming of the sharpening or fill-
ing of a bushman's cross-cut saw,
and sometimes even the call, or
"coo-ee," of the bushman, are in-
cluded in his repertoire.

I once heard one several times
accurately imitate the peculiar
speaking sound produced by the
rowlock of a rowing boat as a party
of us were going up one of the
branches of Port Jackson, near Syd-
ney. When camped in the Dor-
rigo jungles in 1888 and 1890, and
Richmond River, N.S.W., in 1889,

I had much experience with these
wonderful birds, also on the Mac-
pherson Range, in Queensland in
1919 and 1920, and Victoria in 1917
and 1927, and have carefully stud-
ied all the three species in their
haunts. Every morning, with the
first peep of dawn, the reveille was
sounded by one of them in the dense
timber near the camp, whilst un-
derfoot the fallen leaves made a
soft carpet, over which it should
have been easy to follow the bird
noiselessly, and get a good view of
it. Yet at times we scarcely got
sight of even a tail feather.

His traces were always plentiful;
the leaves, sticks, bark, decayed
logs, etc., all being raked over
over and over most thoroughly for
beetles, grubs, and worms with his
powerful legs and claws, and many
a luckless jungle snail had been
hooked out of his moist hiding-place,
including the very large Helix fal-
conari, to furnish a "bit-bit" for
the handsome pair that wandered
and wooed in the lovely spot.

The Dancing Mounds.
Mimicry and ventriloquism are
not, however, his sole accom-
plishments; he is a bird of parts, and
has his particular dancing mound,
which consists of a small and rather
circular piece of raised ground,
scratched clean, upon which he
dances and mimics, and fully dis-
plays his beautiful tail, with the
daintiest of airs and paces. This
he does when absolutely undisturbed,
and to get a view of one thus
engaged a person must slowly and
patiently approach the spot.

At the beautiful and perfectly na-
tural National Park, near Sydney,
I obtained some splendid views of
these birds dancing over twenty
years ago; and some time ago his
Excellency, Sir Philip Game, in-
spected the "dancing mounds" in
the bush at this park, when on a
short camping visit there with
some other bird-lovers.

Though rather a poor flier, the
bird is, I think, the swiftest fea-
thered runner of the bush, and will
cover the distance in seconds as
against the minutes of his clumsy
pursuer, without lifting a wing.
The bird often makes some very
extraordinary jumps. I have seen
them jump, with a little flap, eight
feet or so from the ground into a
convenient branch of a tree, and
continue to ascend in successive
leaps until it had obtained a suf-
ficient elevation to enable it safely
to fly, or float, with its compara-
tively small wings, down to a gully be-
low.

The nest is a large domed struc-
ture, composed of sticks, leaves,
moss, ferns, bark, etc. measuring
about 30 inches or more long by
about 20 inches across. As a rule,
the entrance faces outwards, or to-
wards the light, and is placed in a
number of different positions;
sometimes in ferns on the ground,
or in the thick fork of a tree, on
top of a tall stump or a large rock,
in a clump of tree ferns, or on the
bank of a steep creek, and very
often high up on the ledge of a cliff,
in order to escape the destructive
fox. I have photographed the nests
in quite a variety of situations.
(Continued on Page 7.)

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of
February 25, 1922.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/4
18/16.

Hong Kong loses another notable
figure in the death of Sir Ellis
Kadoorie, who passed away at six
o'clock yesterday morning from
heart failure. A genial personality
and a generous philanthropist, his
loss will be mourned by a large
circle of friends both here and in
Shanghai.

Sir Ellis Kadoorie, who was 56
years of age, had been living in a
room in Raffles Building pending
completion of a new home at Re-
public Bay. He was apparently in
his usual health until the first day
of the week when he complained of
a cold and feeling feverish. This
condition continued until early yes-
terday morning when heart failure
supervened and he collapsed.

By T. Thompson.

REVEILLE!

A DELIGHTFUL TALE SET IN A WORKING MAN'S HOME.

"Our Joe and Our Bill! Our Liza and Our Jane!"

Mrs. Spicer turned over sleepily and reached out into the gloom towards the aggravating alarm clock which threatened to rouse the neighbourhood. She effectively scotched its tintinnabulation, and rolled back for five minutes more of drowsy ecstasy. Then she sat up slowly and rubbed her eyes. Gradually she brought herself to the idea that she had timed herself to the minute. She dressed mechanically and wound up the paper blind. The street lamps stretched before her to infinity. And so, she remembered, did also her daily rounds. Her husband had gone to his work an hour ago; the fire would be lit and the kettle on the boil. She yawned and looked out at the reflections on the damp streets. The tramp of feet reminded her that it was Tuesday morning. They were "playing" Mondays at the Pioneer Mill.

She went downstairs, and washed herself in the glazed brown mug on the stone "slopstone" in the tiny kitchen. Then she cut piles of bread, and brewed a big stone jug of coffee. Afterwards she filled a frying-pan with rashers of bacon and placed it on the gas ring. As it began to sizzle she went to the bottom of the stairs and shouted "Our Bill!" and "Our Joe!" and listened without expectation for an answer. She looked vigorously at the bottom step. "Our Joe and our Bill," she shouted again, "Ah'm not goin' to shout again." Then she went to the frying-pan and stuck a fork into the curling bacon.

When the bacon was cooked she took it into the living-room and placed it in the oven to keep warm. She listened at the bottom of the stairs again for some inkling of movement. The only sound was of deep breathing. "Have Ah to come up to yo'?" she demanded. The breathing rose and fell like the swell on a heaving sea. "If Ah do come up there'll be hangmans to play." The sleeping pair lay blissfully unconscious. "By Gow," said Mrs. Spicer irritably, "Ah'll bring th' mop to yo' if yo' dunnot be stirrin'." There was a subdued grunt which could stand for anything.

Mrs. Spicer went on cutting bread and butter. She got out some clean white paper and one or two old newspapers. Then she returned to the foot of the stairs. "How many shovels should Ah put yo' up this mornin'?" she asked. There was no answer. She reached down the rolling-pin and banged it on the stairs. "Ah'll peighl yo're yeds w' this," she vindictively declared. "Have Ah to wakken o' th' row to get two dozy rascallions to their work?" There was an angry protest from upstairs. "What's to do now?" asked Mrs. Spicer. "Eaww Bill's ta'en o' th' cloos," said Joe. "Ah'll come an' poo th' lot off," said Mrs. Spicer. But she did nothing of the sort.

She went on cutting until there was a respectable pile upon the table and two more piles which she made into sandwiches with potted meat. Then she filled two little empty mustard tins with tea and sugar. The sandwiches she placed into fibre lunch-boxes. Meanwhile Joe and Bill had accepted the inevitable, and came reluctantly down the stairs. "Whear's mi shoes?" asked Joe. "Whear did ta put 'em last neet?" countered his mother. "It's nowt but reish me an' fotch me in this house. Dun yo' think Ah'm nowt but an arrand-lad?"

The pair donned their shoes simultaneously, only pausing to rub their eyes. "Yo' should go to bed sooner," said Mrs. Spicer. There's no gettin' yo' to bed an' there's no gettin' yo' up. When Ah wor yo're age Ah had to get up at hawve-past five an' no messin'. Mi mother'd ha' pooped me out o' bed bi th' yure o' th' ved o' Ah'd bin hawve o' th' trouble yo' two are." "Times is different," said Bill.

The pair sleepily rolled up their shirt sleeves and went into the kitchen to wash. After a sharp struggle for precedences, which went to Bill, there was a yell from the victor. "What's to do now?" asked his mother impatiently. "Ah've gotten soap in mi shan," said Bill. "It serves him right," said Joe. "Thar's a peevish nowt," said Mrs. Spicer.

"Ne'er thee mind him, Bill. Rub hard w' th' towel. An' thee be clennin' th' shoes. They'n had the sow but a lick an' a promise for three weeks as Ah con tell on." "Mi brithes want mendin'," said Joe. "Ah cannot do 'em now," said Mrs. Spicer. "Tha man poo 'em off to meet an' go to bed soon." "It's allus alike," said Joe. "If it wor eaww Bill yo'd do 'em now." "Look what time it is," said his mother. "Yo' wor lat' twice last week, an' yo're gooin' to be quartered again if yo' dunnot be shappin'."

They sat down to their breakfast with their shirt sleeves still rolled up and ate and drank in silence. When they had got nearly to the bottom of the pile of bread and butter Bill said, "Cut two more slices, mother." Mrs. Spicer reached for what was left of the loaf. "Han yo' lost yo're appetites," she asked sarcastically. "an' fun hosses?" "It tak's a bit to keep up gooin'," said Bill. "It's like throwin' it down a soof, said his mother. "It's time yo' wor off. Quarter-to buzzer went a bit sin'." "Milk's turned," said Joe. "It's swimmin' on th' top." "Ge' it supped," said Mrs. Spicer wearily. "There's thousands o' lads as'd be fain o' what's in front o' yo' this mornin'."

The two lads rose from the table to complete their dressing. "Whear's mi weskit?" asked Bill. Eaww Joe's puttin' it on. "Mine's two buttons off," said Joe. "Why didn't ta tell me? Give it him back this minute," shouted his mother. "If ever a woman wor plagued!" The lads dived for a coat here and a cap there and finally stood with boxes in their hands and ready to go. "Good mornin', mother," said Joe. "Good mornin', lad," said Bill. "Good mornin', mother," said Bill. "Good mornin', lad." She kissed them both. "Behav' yoresels," she said. "There'll be a warm 'tatoo ple in th' oon when yo' come back to neet. God bless yo', my lads." She watched them along the long street and round the corner. The morning light was now creeping into the sky, and the street lamps were bobbing out automatically. She stood and watched them also. They began to pop out at the other end of the long street. Pop, pop, pop, pop, right down to the one near her door. She came in and shut the door. Her cup of coffee was nearly cold, but she drank it with relish and ate a slice of bread and butter standing.

When she had finished she went again to the foot of the stairs and called with some tenderness, "Our Liza and our Jane, come on now an' get ready for school." Manchester Guardian.

NOISE NUISANCE

SIR WM. BRAGG GIVES HOPE OF RELIEF.

Scientists' Efforts.

Sir William Bragg, Director of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, was the guest of the Manchester Luncheon Club, to whose members he spoke of what science might do in the prevention of noise and other modern nuisances.

He called these abuses of light and sound offences against civilisation nuisances of the first order, but the natural concomitant of so many people living together. The more people were crowded together the greater the necessity for rules that made desirable conditions possible. Civilisation meant a growing ability to live on good terms with one's neighbours, but there were difficulties in making general rules. Some people liked noise. He confessed to finding enjoyment sometimes in falling in behind the children marching to tin-can music; but there were other people who actually liked noise at all times, who "couldn't sleep when they go into the country."

"I can sleep," Sir William added, "in a room where the cars are passing to and fro and never hear them; but at two or three o'clock in the morning, when the night clubs

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He then decided to retire from business and endeavour to evolve something to make the bathroom safe.

Every day during the past year he has gone into his bathroom at noon, and stayed there, except for the intervals for meals, till early the next morning.

Time after time, worn out by his ceaseless work, he fell asleep in the bath, and awoke to find the water cold.

The results of his experiments, after spending nearly \$1,000, are a non-slip rubber base to the bath, a soft rubber seat and back rest, and a spongy rubber pillow. These are secured to the bath by rubber suckers. An adaptable chin rest suitable for bathers who are subject to fainting fits, is fixed to the pillow.

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SIAMESE LOCOMOTIVE VENTURE

DIESEL OIL ENGINE AT PRAI.

The International Express from Bangkok, which arrived at Prai yesterday afternoon, says the Pinang Gazette of February 6, was hauled by a Diesel locomotive, the first of this type to be seen in Malaya.

In anticipation of its arrival, a number of people gathered on Prai Station platform and everybody received a mild surprise as the train came into view.

"Where is the engine?" asked the man next to me.

"I'm sure I don't know," I replied.

To all appearances the train was moving into the platform without an engine, but the secret was soon revealed. The object that looked like the front coach was in fact the engine!

These Diesel engines manufactured chiefly in Denmark and Switzerland, are stated to have been extensively used on European railway systems recently and a few have been brought out to do experimental service in the Royal State Railways of Siam.

According to a Siamese railway official who arrived in Penang the results have been satisfactory. Their chief merits

are stated to be speed and economy. Another important point is that they cause no inconvenience to passengers with coal or wood dust.

In conversation with the Chief Mechanical Engineer of the Royal State Railways of Siam yesterday, I was informed that there was a saving of 50 per cent. in the running cost and five hours in time in a run between Bangkok-Padang Besar on one of these engines as compared with the best type of steam engine. Crude oil is used so passengers have nothing to fear as regards coal dust and flying sparks. The engines are capable of a maximum speed of sixty miles an hour; and required a driver and one other man as against a driver and two firemen on the steam engines.

Mr. A. W. S. Graeme of the F.M.S. Railways who travelled by the same train from Bangkok said that so far as the run from Bangkok was concerned the engine had behaved very well.

"Is there any likelihood of F.M.S. Railways buying any of these engines?" I asked.

"I cannot say. The matter rests with the authorities," replied Mr. Graeme.

BRIGHTER SUNDAYS.

After-Dinner Concert That Strikes The Right Note.

London's latest form of entertainment—the Sunday after-dinner concert—is now also one of its most popular. It has justified itself to the hilt by removing the reproach of dullness that once clung to these end-of-the-week-end hours.

At the same time, it has been a difficult demand to supply. The greater satisfaction then in finding exactly the right intimate note struck, as it were, in the triple choice of programme at the Dorchester.

Miss Elena Danieli's soprano songs included "My Noble Knight" (Meyerbeer) and a delightful Strauss serenade, sung with liveliness and purity of tone. By way of entree there was the ballet of Vanda and Vladimir, whose excellent little act led up a further concert in this menu a tricornes—the amusing "nonsense" conversation of Naughton Wayne.

For the length of his inevitable cigar he discussed drolly such splendidly unrelated topics as the Drink Commission, schoolboy plays, India and cigars.

Finally—if anything were still needed to black out pleasantly the memory of a particularly drizzly Sabbath—there was dancing to the music of Ambrose's Band.

SMOKED DURING EXAMINATION.

The 70-Cigarettes-A-Day Student.

A candidate sitting for an examination at the Witwatersrand University of South Africa had worked at his papers for about an hour when he sent up a request to the examiner to be allowed to smoke.

"Smoke in the examination room? Why, certainly not," replied the horrified official.

In spite of this curt refusal the request was repeated. The examiner saw that the candidate was going white about the gills.

The candidate explained that he was accustomed to smoking 60 and 70 cigarettes a day and found the enforced abstinence at a time of severe mental strain too much for him.

The examiner, himself a smoker, understood. He arranged for a colleague to take charge, and he accompanied the candidate outside. There the candidate enjoyed a cigarette—with the examiner looking on.

receiving careful consideration. The lighting of roads, that eternal difficulty of the daze, the lighting of docks and railway sidings were also problems for Teddington. Science could help in the abolition of noise and other nuisances. It offered a better method of cure than the way of punishment. The way to meet the difficulty was to disseminate so much knowledge of general principles of light and sound, and atmosphere, that the offences did not occur at all.

RAILWAY IRRITATION.

Explanation Of Desire To Kick Fellow Passenger.

Professor A. M. Low, at a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel, described a journey across Africa from west to east, which is being undertaken in an effort to obtain data of the response made by various forms of life in their natural surroundings to different forms of invisible rays. The trip is being made by Mr. John Sawyer and Mr. R. O. Symon in a sports car.

Professor Low maintained that human beings, in common with other forms of life, emitted what, for want of a better term, he would call some form of emanation, or radiation.

"Everyone has noticed on a railway journey," he said, "that sometimes one feels a desire to kick a fellow passenger, who for some unexplained reason, seems to radiate a feeling of antagonism."

Some sort of emanation or ray, he suggested, might cause such disturbances. If a step could be taken towards bringing, to a stage where it could be tested with instruments, knowledge of the radiation which took place from all forms of life, something would have been achieved which might have an important influence upon human happiness.

"It may be possible some day," Professor Low said, "to produce a ray which irritates people and another ray which soothes them."

BETTING IN GAOL.

Convict Wins £10—And Has It Confiscated.

The authorities at Fremantle Gaol, in Australia, have just discovered that a prisoner had been conducting bets from his cell, and even collecting his winnings.

They do not disclose how the ingenious convict managed to communicate with the outside world and know the names of horses running on which to place his wagers.

The man's winnings totalled over £10. But his little hoard was discovered and confiscated.

It is possible that his right to retain the money may be tested by court proceedings, but the prison authorities would seem to have the last word in a matter of this kind.

GIRL IN A CUPBOARD.

Imprisoned For Years By Her Father.

When she was taken from a cupboard in which she had been locked for several years, a 17-year-old girl of Bergen, in lower Austria, had lost the use of her feet and could not speak. She had been locked up by her father, because she was physically unfit for work.

What she was found by a local grandame, she was terribly emaciated, and had to be taken to an asylum. The father was arrested.

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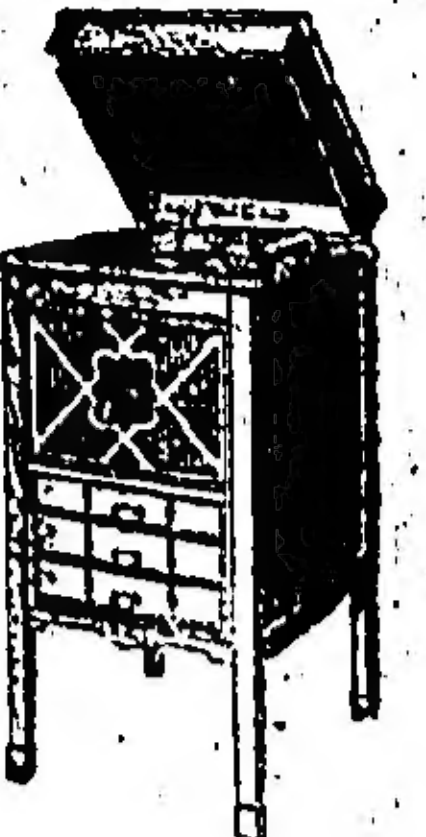
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ON

TUESDAY, March 1, 1932, commencing at 10.30 a.m., at No. 1, Felix Villa, Pokfulam.

A quantity of **VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.**

On View from Monday, February 29, 1932.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, February 23, 1932.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on **MONDAY, the 29th day of February, 1932, at 3 p.m.,** at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No.	Location.	Boundary Measurements.	Area in Acres.	Area in Sq. Yds.
1	Wong Nei Chung	N. 100.00 E. 100.00 S. 100.00 W. 100.00	1.00	14,840.00

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB.

"TREVESA" TROPHY.

THE 17th BI-ANNUAL RACE for Ships' Lifeboats will be sailed on **THURSDAY, 24th March,** starting at 4 p.m.

Any ship of a Company having offices or responsible Agents in Hong Kong and which is in port on the day of the race may enter any number of boats.

All entries should, if possible, be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C., by noon on the day of the race and competing boats should be at the starting line by 3.30 p.m. Post Entries however will be received.

Course:—Start from Channel Rocks, thence to Kowloon Rock (P), Mark off Yacht Club (S), Mark off Coast Rock Beacon (P), finish across Yacht Club line leaving mark boat to Port and continue sailing until gunfire for finish. A launch will leave Queen's Statue Pier at 3 p.m. for the convenience of members and the general public.

R. J. VERNALL,
Hon. Secretary, R.H.K.Y.C.
24th February, 1932.

GENERAL NOTICES.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

WE have pleasure in announcing we have appointed Messrs. A. GÖEKE & COMPANY our Sole Agents for Hong Kong and South China.

Per Pro Société Internationale de Placements,
R. A. COCHRANE WATSON,
Manager of the Far East.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Scrip Certificate No. 5235, dated 4th November, 1904, for one Share No. 7596 in the name of Mr. ROBERT ERNEST HUMPHREYS of Manila, has been LOST, and should same not be produced before the 10th March, 1932, a new Certificate will be issued to the said Mr. ROBERT ERNEST HUMPHREYS, and no transaction taking place under the old Scrip Certificate will be recognised by the Company.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LIMITED,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 25th February, 1932.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashie on the 2nd March, 1932, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Underwriter before the 5th March, 1932, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hong Kong, 25th February, 1932.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, February 25, 1932.

SPORTS NOTICES.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1932
20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 27th February, 1932.

ON SATURDAY 20th, MONDAY 22nd, TUESDAY 23rd, and WEDNESDAY 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 11 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, the 27th February, the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m., and the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be taken after the fifth race on the first four days.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

A limited number of Tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, Telephone No. 21920.

No pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4.00 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 3rd Floor, Gloucester Building.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 8th February, 1932.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—

C. F. Judd, from Shanghai.
Mrs. Jaffe, from Shanghai.

F. V. JENSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, February 24, 1932.

COMPANY MEETINGS

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at 12.30 p.m., on **FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1932,** when the following resolution, which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 11th day of February, 1932, will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution:

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(a) By deletion of the words "One thousand Dollars" contained partly in the third and partly in the fourth lines of Article 96a of the Company's Articles of Association and the substitution thereof of the words "Five thousand Dollars."

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 19, 1932.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on **SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1932, at 11.30 a.m.** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from **MONDAY, the 15th February, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1932** (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th February, 1932.

HONG KONG REALTY AND TRUST CO., LTD.

(Incorporated Under the Companies Ordinances of Hong Kong.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of Hong Kong Realty and Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building (2nd Floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on **WEDNESDAY, the 2nd March, 1932, at 12 Noon,** for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1931, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from **WEDNESDAY, the 17th February, 1932, to WEDNESDAY, the 2nd March, 1932,** both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 2nd February, 1932.

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on **MONDAY, the 29th February, 1932, at 11.30 a.m.** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from **THURSDAY 18th February, to MONDAY, 29th February, both days inclusive.**

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 10th February, 1932.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on **THURSDAY, the 10th March, 1932, at NOON,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from **TUESDAY, the 1st March, 1932, to THURSDAY, the 10th March, 1932,** both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 22nd February, 1932.

THE WITTY COMPOSITOR.

Those who refuse to believe that a "printer's devil" resides in the nimble finger-tips of the linotype operator should read "Breaks, or Unintentional Humour by Tired Newspapermen and Others," compiled by W. W. Scott and published by Jonathan Cape at 2s. net. Here are some of the gems for which chapter and verse are quoted writes a paragraphist in the Straits Times:—

From his left ear to the corner of his mouth ran a long scar, the result of a duet many years before.

—Short story.

She was married in Evansville, Ind., to Walter Jackson, and to this union was born three children.

It took many rabbits many years to write the Talmud—"Holland Evening Sentinel."

ANTI-FASCIST PLOTS.

17 Killed and 65 Injured Since August, 1927.

Recent anti-Fascist outrages in foreign countries have evoked a wave of indignation at Rome. The Press had gathered statistics which show that between August 18, 1927, and January 8, 1932, no fewer than twenty-five attempts on life or property have been made, with a total of seventeen persons killed and sixty-five injured.

Twelve of these outrages occurred in France, four in Switzerland, four in the United States, two in the Argentine Republic, one in Belgium, one in Tunis, and one in Luxembourg.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

Sleepy Watchmen.

(Central Police Court).

That a watchman asleep at his post, was worse than no watchman at all, was the remark made by Inspector K. W. Andrew in the Central Police Court, this morning, when before Mr. Schofield, he prosecuted two private guards for being asleep whilst on duty.

Vadhwana Singh, employed by the Yee Sang Fat Company, Queen's Road Central, pleaded guilty, but added that his master has allowed him to sleep.

Inspector Andrew stated that that was not so. He had telephoned the master about the incident, and had been informed to go right ahead with the summons.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

Mah Shik, employed as private guard by Messrs. Komor and Komor, Chater Road, who was summoned also for sleeping on duty, said that he was only lying on a camp chair, with a blanket over him, because it was cold.

The Magistrate—So you always keep watch with your eyes closed, do you?

Defendant.—It was after midnight, and I felt cold.

Inspector Andrew said that recently there had been many petty thefts from local offices and these private guards were engaged by a firm to keep watch during the night. These men were giving a false sense of security by sleeping when on duty.

Petty Thefts from Offices.

(Central Police Court).

Chiu Sing, aged 26 years, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Wynne-Jones in the Central Police Court this morning and pleaded guilty to sundry thefts from offices in the City.

Prosecuting, Detective-Sergeant D. C. W. Fitches said that on Tuesday morning defendant was seen by an employee of the Ng Wah Rental firm, coming down the stairs of Pedder Building, carrying a clock, which was recognised as the property of the firm. He had the man arrested, and later when a raid was carried out at defendant's place of abode, 3, Elgin Street, several pawn tickets, relating to other stolen property, were found.

The prosecuting officer added that defendant had in his possession an old chit book of Melchers and some cheques, which he carried about with him, so avoiding detection in the streets.

There had been many thefts recently from foreign offices, and it was thought defendant had been responsible for them.

Sentence of five months' hard labour in all was passed.

AN EASY ONE.

"Perfect Man Must Smoke And Drink."

Girl students of Prague University have now tried their hands at deciding the qualities demanded of a "perfect man." This is what they think:

He must be tall, fair, 50 per cent. a sportsman, 25 per cent. a good dancer, and 25 per cent. a humorist.

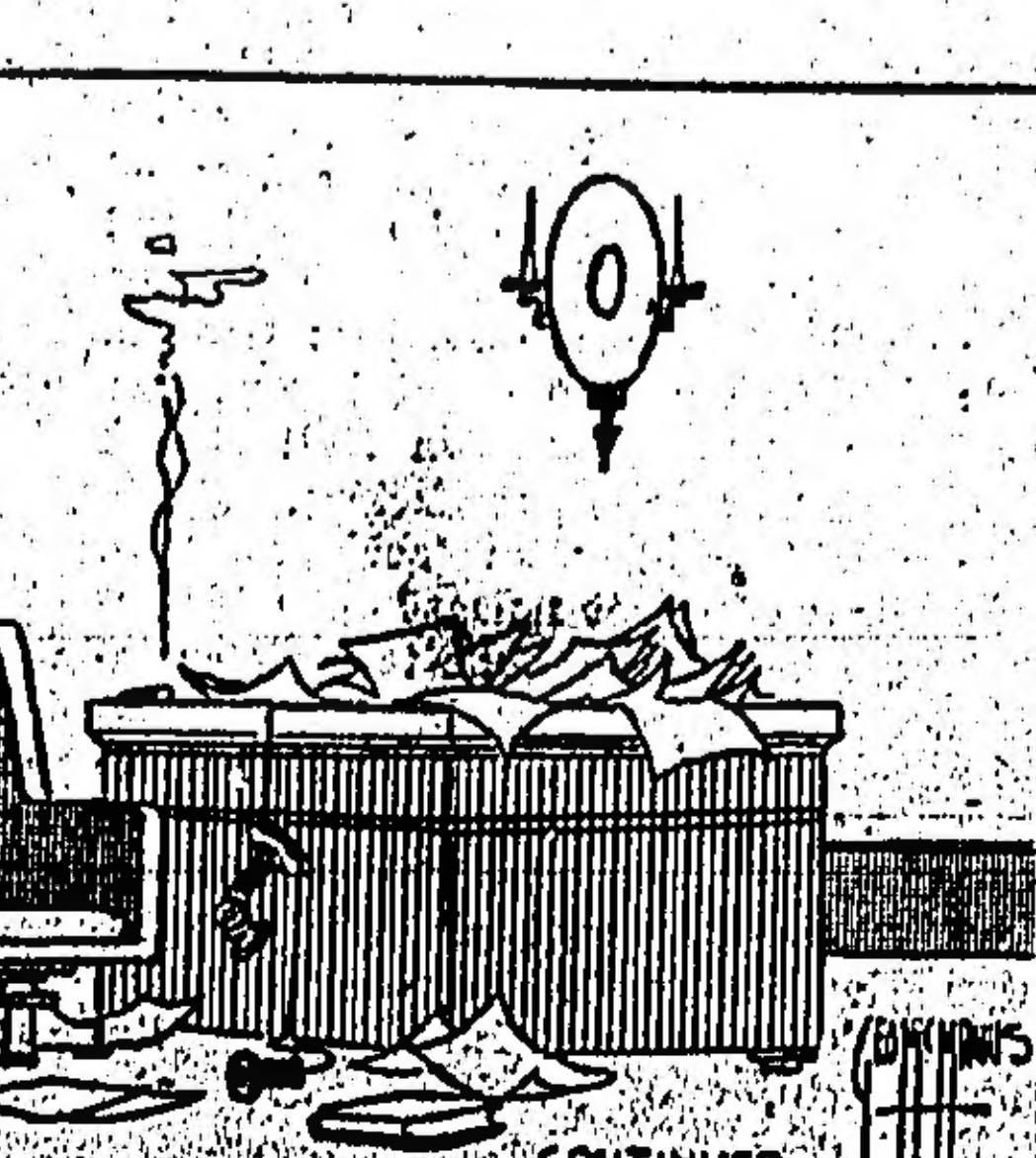
He must be unburned and be reasonably smart.

He must drink and smoke.

He must not kiss when he has his hat on.

These rules were drawn up by the students of the medicine and legal faculties.

Bringing Up Father.



HONG KONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **FRIDAY, March 4th, at 11 a.m.,** in the Sanitary Board Room, 3rd Floor, Post Office Building.

Mrs. Southern has kindly consented to take the chair.



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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG

	For Shanghai & Japan	For Singapore & Italy
S.S. CONTE ROSSO (passenger boat)	Mar. 4	Mar. 13
S.S. MONCALIERI (cargo boat)	Mar. 5	Mar. 13
M.V. TERGESTA (cargo boat)	Mar. 5	Apr. 2
S.S. GANGE (passenger boat)	Apr. 3	Apr. 13
M.V. FUSJAMA (cargo boat)	Apr. 5	May 3
S.S. CONTE ROSSO (passenger boat)	May 6	May 15

* Passenger steamers to Shanghai only.

Attention is called to the s.s. Conte Rosso which will make the voyage Hong Kong-Venice in 21 days thus allowing London Passengers to reach destination the day after their disembarkation at Venice.

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SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports & Honolulu.	
SHINYO MARU	Tuesday, 8th March.
CHICHIBU MARU	Wednesday, 23rd March.
SEATTLE, VANCOUVER via Shanghai & Japan Ports.	
HIKAWA MARU	Tuesday, 1st March.
HIYE MARU	Tuesday, 29th March.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.	
HARUNA MARU	Saturday, 5th March.
KATORI MARU	Saturday, 19th March.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 27th February.
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 20th March.
MANILA.	
SHINYO MARU	Wednesday, 2nd March.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
TOTTORI MARU	Monday, 26th February.
KAGA MARU	Friday, 11th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	
RAKUYO MARU	Thursday, 17th March.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
TOBA MARU	Monday, 11th April.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Stamboul (Constantinople), Peyaeus and Genoa.	
LYONS MARU	Monday, 14th March.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
RANGOON MARU	Monday, 29th February.
NAGATO MARU	Tuesday, 8th March.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	
TANGO MARU (Kobe direct)	Monday, 29th February.
HAKODATE MARU (Mojil direct)	Saturday, 27th February.
YASUKUNI MARU	Friday, 4th March.

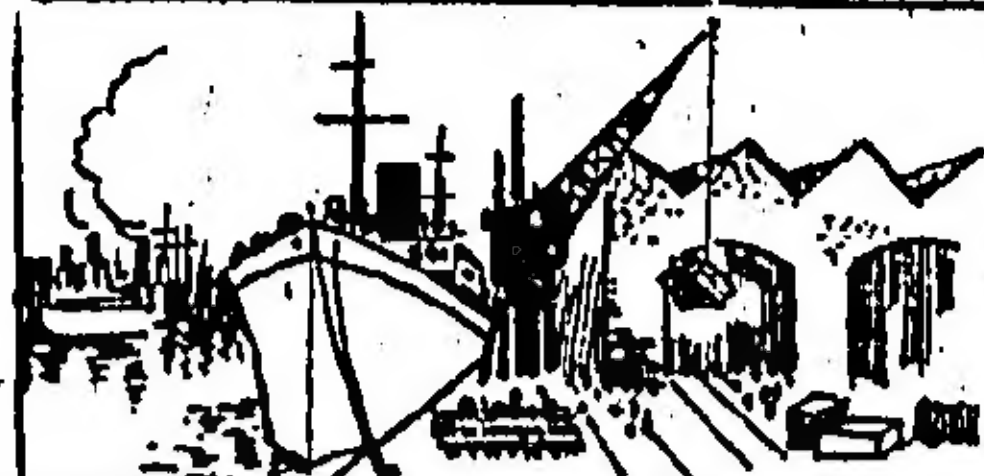
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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	
MOMBASA, ZANZIBAR, DAR-EN-SALAAM, BEIRA, LOURENCO MARQUES, DURBAN, PORT ELIZABETH & CAPE TOWN	
THENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo.	
SRIBHANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila.	
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Services).	
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles, & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	
BOMBAY & KARACHI via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.	
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
HAIPHONG via Hanoi.	
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung via Swatow & Amoy (Forimbley).	
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Forimbley).	

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.
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Shipping Intelligence

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Tuesday, February 23.
Kaying, British str., 1,572 tons.
Capt. P. Green, from Hoihow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Wednesday, February 24.
Alster, German str., 5,328 tons.
Capt. Habben, from Singapore, buoy No. A16.—Melchers & Co.
Canton Maru, Japanese str., 1,647 tons.
Capt. Y. Iwasaki, from Swatow, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.
Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,293 tons.
Capt. E. Sanada, from Canton, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Dorry, Chinese str., 1,083 tons.
Capt. J. Bruhn, from Hoihow, buoy No. C4.—Chau Yue Teng.
Graciosa, Norwegian str., 1,025 tons.
Capt. Markussen, from Bangkok, buoy No. B10.—Thoresen & Co.

Haliyang, British str., 1,363 tons.
Captain Erwin, from Swatow, Douglas Wharf.—Douglas & Co.
Hangsang, British str., 1,356 tons.
Captain A. D. Kelman, from Swatow, Leichikok Anchorage.—J.M. & Co.

Hongkong, British str., 3,975 tons.
Capt. D. M. Hood, from Singapore, buoy No. A4.—Ho Thong & Co.

Klungchow, British str., 1,545 tons.
Capt. R. Allinson, from Swatow, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Kuramasan Maru, Japanese str., 1,133 tons.
Capt. S. Tamura, from Shanghai, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Niel Maersk, Danish str., 3,168 tons.
Capt. Anderson, from Manila, buoy No. A6.—Jessen & Co.

Sinkiang, British str., 1,616 tons.
Captain J. S. Anderson, from Swatow, buoy No. B19.—B. & S.

Susana II, Chinese str., 2,440 tons.
Capt. A. Melendez, from Amoy, Cosmopolitan Dock.—Master.

Sydney Maru, Japanese str., 2,518 tons.
Capt. N. Nakayama, from Sakito, buoy No. A5.—O.S.K.

Taiyuan, British str., 2,100 tons.
Capt. W. T. Hodge, from Canton, No. B14.—B. & S.

Touraine, Norwegian str., 3,591 tons.
Capt. Brun, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Thoresen & Co.

Yingchow, British str., 1,216 tons.
Capt. C. Harris-Walker, from Canton, buoy No. C2.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES.

Wednesday, February 24.
Asama Maru, for Los Angeles.
Bueland, for Swatow.
Cremer, for Singapore.
Dorry, for Whampoa.
Glenlue, for Shanghai.
Hallanger, for San Pedro.
Hamburg Maru, for Moji.
Henrik, for Tsingtao.
Hiroshi Maru No. 3, for Keelung.
Hopsang, for Swatow.
Klungchow, for Canton.
Lycemoon, for Singapore.
Niel Maersk, for Shanghai.
Phaslanella, for Swatow.
Shantung, for Shanghai.
Sirdhana, for Singapore.
Sunkiang, for Canton.
Talyuan, for Amoy.
Tjondari, for Amoy.
Yingchow, for Chefoo.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26.
Swatow and Shanghai Sunning
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, Feb. 6) President Taft.
Japan Kitano Maru
Japan & Shanghai Nalders
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27.
Japan Kidderpore
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29.
Calcutta and Straits Yuen Sang
Manila President Lincoln

OUTWARD MAILS.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Amoy Kaying 3.30 p.m.
Poochow Luchow 3.30 p.m.
Samahul and Wuchow Chung On 4 p.m.
Japan Rajputana 5 p.m.
Saigon Shunchieh 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia. Rajputana 5 p.m.
Registration Feb. 25 5 p.m.
Letters 8 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow Hai Yang 12.30 p.m.
Haiphong G.G. Maurice Long II 12.30 p.m.
Hoihow and Pakhol Klungchow 4.30 p.m.
Amoy Santhia 5 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

JUNK PIRATED OFF HONG KONG.

Junkmen Stranded on Sau Shan Island.

An armed robbery on a junk in British water waters, has come to the notice of the Criminal Investigation Department. News of the outrage is contained in a report from Ping Shan Police Station, which reached Hong Kong to-day. Tang Po, aged 51, employed as a foki on a cargo junk, owned by Tang Kwok-hang, stated that on Monday night, at about eleven o'clock, he left Sha Kong, Ping Shan district, with a cargo of 90 sacks of lime, valued at \$110, for Chung Shan Keuk, Castle Peak.

Nearly three hours later, owing to strong winds and heavy seas, he decided to anchor off Lung Ku Tan. He and two others of the crew, Wong Lai and Wong Fa-yin, were seated in the stern of the junk, smoking, when of a sudden three men appeared, each armed with a revolver. They first searched the foki and their belongings, but finding nothing to steal, ordered Tang Po to pull up the anchor, and set sail.

At two o'clock in the morning, the junk struck against rocks at Sau Shan Island. The robbers then set free their victims who scrambled ashore, passing the rest of the night on the hillsides.

At daylight, the three robbers set sail for Macao on Tang Po's junk, together with an oyster junk, which contained two other robbers. At 11 o'clock that morning, a small fishing junk happened to call at the island, and picked up the stranded junkmen. They were taken to Castle Peak, where they were met on arrival by their master, the party later proceeding to the Ping Shan Police Station.

A description of the missing boat states that it was built last year, and its capacity is about 130 piculs, being valued at \$500.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The Ben Line s.s. Bendoran from Leith, Middlesbro', Antwerp, London, Straits and Manila left Singapore on February 23, and is due to arrive here on March 1.

The P. & O. s.s. Nalders left Shanghai for this port on February 23 at 3.30 p.m., and is due here on February 26 at about 6 a.m.

The Empress of Russia will berth at the Kowloon Wharf at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, after her annual overhaul.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. Bendoran are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after March 1.

Consignees of cargo per m.v. Java are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after March 3.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bridgewater—North wall.
Bruce—In dock.
Herald—East wall.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Keppel—North arm.
Marazion—North wall.
Medway & subs.—No. 2 buoy.
Pandora—In dock.
Proteus—In dock.
Tamar—Basin.
Veteran—West wall.
Wren—West wall.
Whitshed—West wall.
Witch—West wall.

Foreign Men-of-War.
Argus—French river gunboat.
Gli Eanes—Portuguese transport.
Mindanao—American river gunboat.

PASSENGER LISTS.

S.S. SANTHIA.

Arrivals.

The following arrived in the Colony on February 24 by this B.I. steamer:—

From Calcutta—Capt. and Mrs. H. E. Eve and child, Mr. T. Panther, Mr. T. W. Bone, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hibbard and two children.

From Rangoon—Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Church, Rev. Father Desrochers, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Chon-pang and two children.
From the Straits—Mr. A. Rogers, Mr. P. E. Dawson, Mr. Cheok Yick-kuan, one European Police officer, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Painsan and two infants, Mr. Chow Peng-phooi, Miss Wong Wai-chun, Madam Phoon Tai-hee, Mr. Wong Yue-wai, Capt. A. Peterson, Mr. Chow Yam-tong, Mr. Shum Yap-leong, Mr. Wong Fatt, Mr. Wong Cheng, Mr. Wong Man-king, Mr. and Mrs. Loh Sam and infant, Mrs. Low Mi-lan and infant, Mrs. Yee Wan-loke.

S.S. SIRDHANA.

Departures.

The following left the Colony aboard this B.I. steamer on February 24:—

For the Straits:—Capt. W. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Seck Fook-cheong, Mr. Kuo Feng-wen, Mr. Wong Yuen-ming, Mr. Lee Sheh-sung, Mr. Ho Chik-nam, Mrs. Ng Kum, Mr. Lin Er-yung, Mr. and Mrs. Lien Fong and daughter, Mr. Liang Gin-tai, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Beal, Miss Lin Jin-lien, Mr. Lee Sheng-chee, Mr. Wong Wuen-on, Mrs. Lee Yin-hung and daughter, Mr. Ho Ying-chong, Mrs. Lai Yoke-ching and infant, Mr. and Mrs. Lin Song-kee and son, Mrs. Liang Doo-shue, Mr. Tsai Chao-yun, Mr. C. P. Ross, Mr. Lin Yao-tin.

For Burma:—Mr. Lee Peh-chuen, Mrs. Loui Yung-poo, Mrs. Loui Hsuei-ah and infant, Mr. Chiao Kuo-kwon.
For Calcutta:—Mr. James Dooley, Mr. S. G. Husain.

CONSIGNEES

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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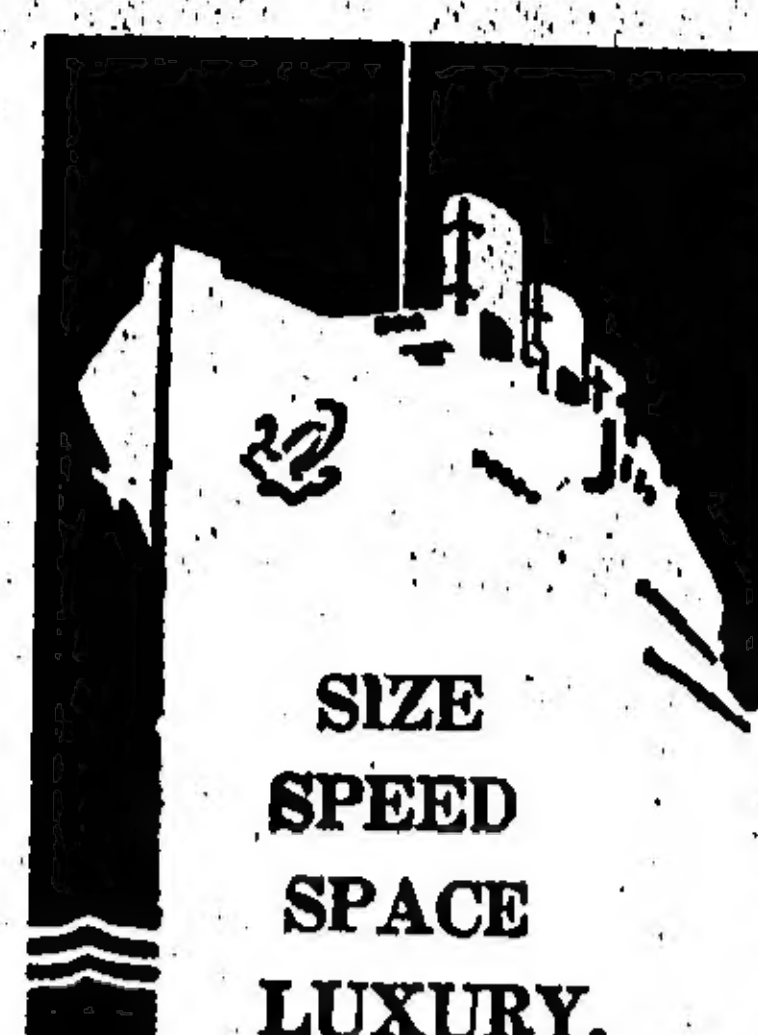
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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 15th March, or they will not be recognised.
All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 25th February at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Godard & Douglas.
To comply with the General Bond of Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenues Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bill of Lading will be countersigned by:

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Hong Kong, 25th February, 1932.



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	Hong Kong	Shanghai	Nagasaki	Kobe	Yokohama	Hankow	Yokohama	Yokohama
Emp. of Russia	Mar. 4	Mar. 7	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	Mar. 12	Mar. 12	Mar. 12	Mar. 12
Emp. of Japan	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 20	Mar. 22	Mar. 24	Mar. 24	Mar. 24	Mar. 24
Emp. of Asia	Mar. 25	Mar. 28	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 2	Apr. 2	Apr. 2	Apr. 2
Emp. of Canada	Apr. 8	Apr. 11	Apr. 13	Apr. 15	Apr. 17	Apr. 17	Apr. 17	Apr. 17
Emp. of Russia	Apr. 22	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	Apr. 30
Emp. of Japan	May 6	May 9	May 11	May 13	May 15	May 15	May 15	May 15
Emp. of Asia	May 20	May 23	May 24	May 26	May 28	May 28	May 28	May 28

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"POLYDORUS" 20th Mar. For Port Said, Genoa, Havre & Liverpool.

NEW YORK SERVICE.

"MENECLAUS" 11th Mar. For Boston, New York, and Baltimore via Philadelphia, Port Moresby and Singapore.

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*SUDAN	6,800	5th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CARTHAGE RAJPUTANA	15,000 17,000	12th Mar. 26th Mar.	Marseilles & London. Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN	6,800	2nd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull.
CORFU RAWALPINDI	15,000 17,000	9th Apr. 23rd Apr.	Marseilles & London. Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA *SOMALI	17,000 6,800	7th May 14th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London. Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull.
CHITRAL RANCHI	15,000 17,000	21st May 4th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London. Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BANGALORE	6,800	11th June	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull.
NALDERA KAISAR-I-HIND	16,000 12,000	18th June 2nd July	Bombay, Marseilles & London. Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA MANTUA	17,000 11,000	18th July 30th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London. Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SUDAN	6,800	6th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles, London, Havre, H'burg, R'dam, Antwerp & Hull.
RAWALPINDI RANPURA	17,000 17,000	13th Aug. 27th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London. Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MALWA	11,000	10th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.

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TANDA NANKIN NELLORE	7,000 7,000 7,000	1932. 4th Mar. 2nd Apr. 30th Apr.	Mantua, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne
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MR. H. M. TOMLINSON REVIEWS

"THE HARBOUR MASTER."

An Attractive Novel.

If a true novel must be a story with a plot, and have plenty of characters and incidents to give it suspense, here we are; a good story it is, too. It is also as free of the vice of haste as is that of "Lord Jim," though as hindside foremost, if less involved, and not quite so desperate in its exactions on time and space. Yet it does not relate a simple problem in an intricate way—and the essentials of the famous story of "Lord Jim" are simple, after all—but indicates quite simply a complexity of problems, all related; and these, by the time we think we know everything and the inevitability of the doom which overtook the harbour master and his beautiful young mistress is made clear, involve the prospect of the general levelness of England and America, to our wonder and alarm. That fact puts Mr. McFee's book in a class apart from the work of Conrad, says Mr. Tomlinson reviewing the book in the Manchester Guardian.

I see an early review calls it a rigmarole. Call it anything you please. That cannot matter when you find yourself, and fairly soon, sitting on the edge of your chair, as it were, and leaning forward, that no clues may be missed which the exasperating Mr. Spenlove, the marine engineer who tells the story, chooses to let fall idly in the erratic wanderings of his speculations while following the destiny of the harbour master. And I waited in greater patience for the clues, and with an increasing interest in his irrelevant commentary, because there was no resisting that seaman's sly humour, when once the idea that possibly he was going to be profound about nothing much had gladly vanished. It vanished in the early pages. For it must be confessed that there was a lurking apprehension when first he raised his voice. It was easy to suspect that Mr. Spenlove was Marlow turned up again, talking this time on the deck of a liner doing the Caribbean with American tourists. A preliminary restiveness may be excused in a jealous reader who knows that Marlow has nothing more to say to us.

Well, Mr. Spenlove has much more, luckily; or we hope so. He has said plenty here, and said it remarkably well. This is Mr. McFee's best book by a long way. I won't say that I did not faintly resent Mr. Spenlove's very obvious beard, and also his bland acceptance of the fact that we were sitting passively in the dusk on the liner's deck, listening to a story which must surely have kept him longer from his beloved engines than any hard-case shipping company ever

allowed. But I agree that Mr. McFee was bound to assume some disguise, even whiskers. That way he felt more comfortable and could ease his mind in greater freedom. I couldn't help noting, too, that with one exception the interrogatory voices, issuing from the unseen to doubt Mr. Spenlove, were those of women passengers. How Mr. McFee must have revelled in his assumed whiskers as he answered them! They asked for it, and they got it. No; Marlow never voyaged the oceans in the same way as Mr. Spenlove. Never with such people. Would he even have known what those lady passengers were talking about? What had he seen of petting parties? And did he ever go into a tearoom decorated in orange and black in Eighth Street, and notice an ocelot chained by the fireplace? When the just appraisal is made, the jungles Mr. Spenlove knows make the Bornean forest seem as right as the Garden of Eden; and he has, in the ordinary course of his duties, witnessed the capers of barbarians—that would make Malays put away their parangs and creep indoors to invoke Allah the Compassionate; barbarians rich enough to buy his ship and all in it, except the integrity of her stupid master.

Never mind the story in this book—though you will, for it moves, and you must follow it; but here is the most curious book about ships and the sea you have ever read. It brings the literature of the sea up to this year of grace. Incidentally, I think its portrait of a British master mariner is as faithful and revealing as any I know. Captain Fraley, R.N.R., who became harbour master of Puerto Balboa through no fault of his own, was only stupid where we can be shrewd enough; but watch him closely about his job! He served in the Mediterranean in the war; and there is an account of the ramming of a submarine, and peeps at much else, obviously veracious and unadorned, which put this volume among the other authentic records of our great tragedy. That tragedy, however, is but a freight to bring back.

corner of the background. Mr. Spenlove, the chief engineer, to whom landladies and many other kinds of ladies were confidential, as well as his captain, and Greek sharks, and strange mademoiselles from Marseilles who were dispersed by the war for the delight of heroes, is reminiscent. That's the point. Shrewdly observant, he is humane and tolerant, but thinks and hopes he is cynical, which gives his fun a ferocious exaggeration at times, though undesigned. He has seen and heard much of the places and people that contribute essentials to the vast and tumultuous spectacle of modern life, though they are but vague rumours to most of us; and here he sets it down, while smoking cigars and recording the adventures of Captain Fraley and the French girl Francine to tourists while his ship is lying off a tropical American shore—a shore made as significant as Salonika is made, and a Liverpool boarding-house, and the apartment house in Manhattan where lived Emily Simpson; I had forgotten her and her family, but they are as good as the rest of the people and places.

This novel, in fact, has the attraction of an autobiography by a dubious observer of the modern scene, who himself was secluded, much of the time, with his machinery down below; so that when he did come up at intervals from attending to that lower mechanical power our scene in upper daylight, of which he knew but rumours, burst suddenly on him with a startling explosion of sunlight and inexplicable activity; and therefore he got the sense, unusual to most of us who are part of that activity, that the antics of our modernity have not a few of the alarming symptoms of lunacy. Nor is he virtuously indignant; he only wonders.

The Harbour Master. By William McFee. London: William Heinemann. Pp. 416. 8s. 6d. net.

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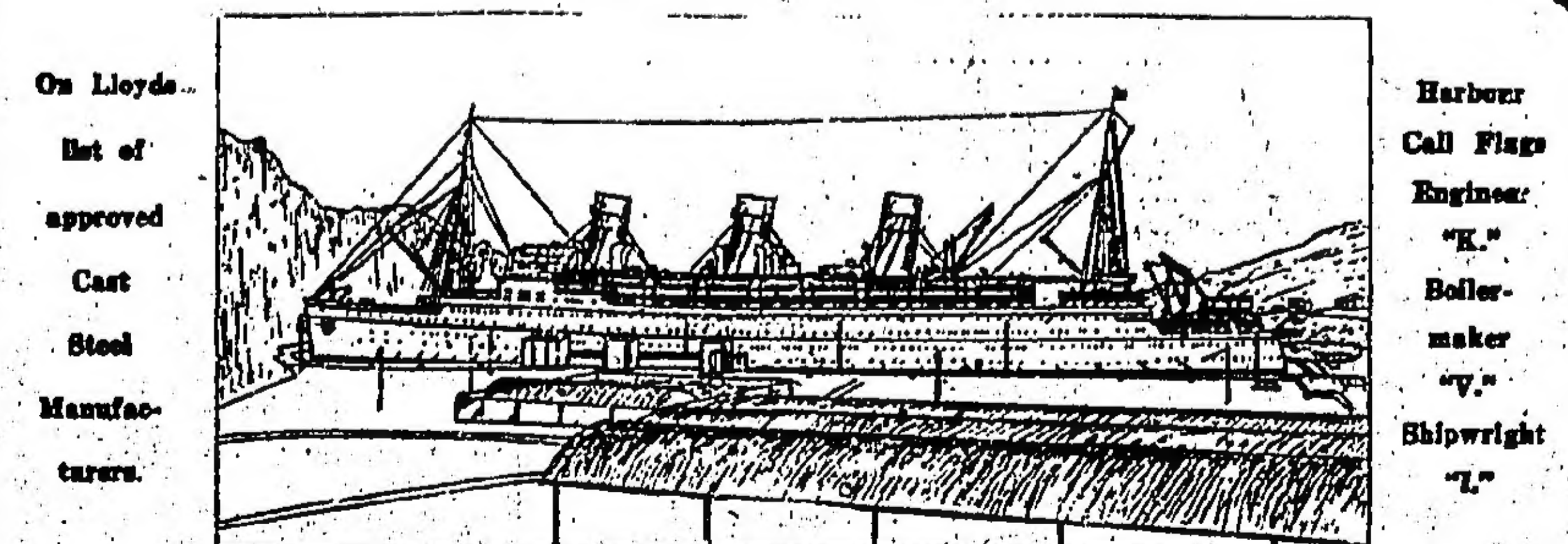
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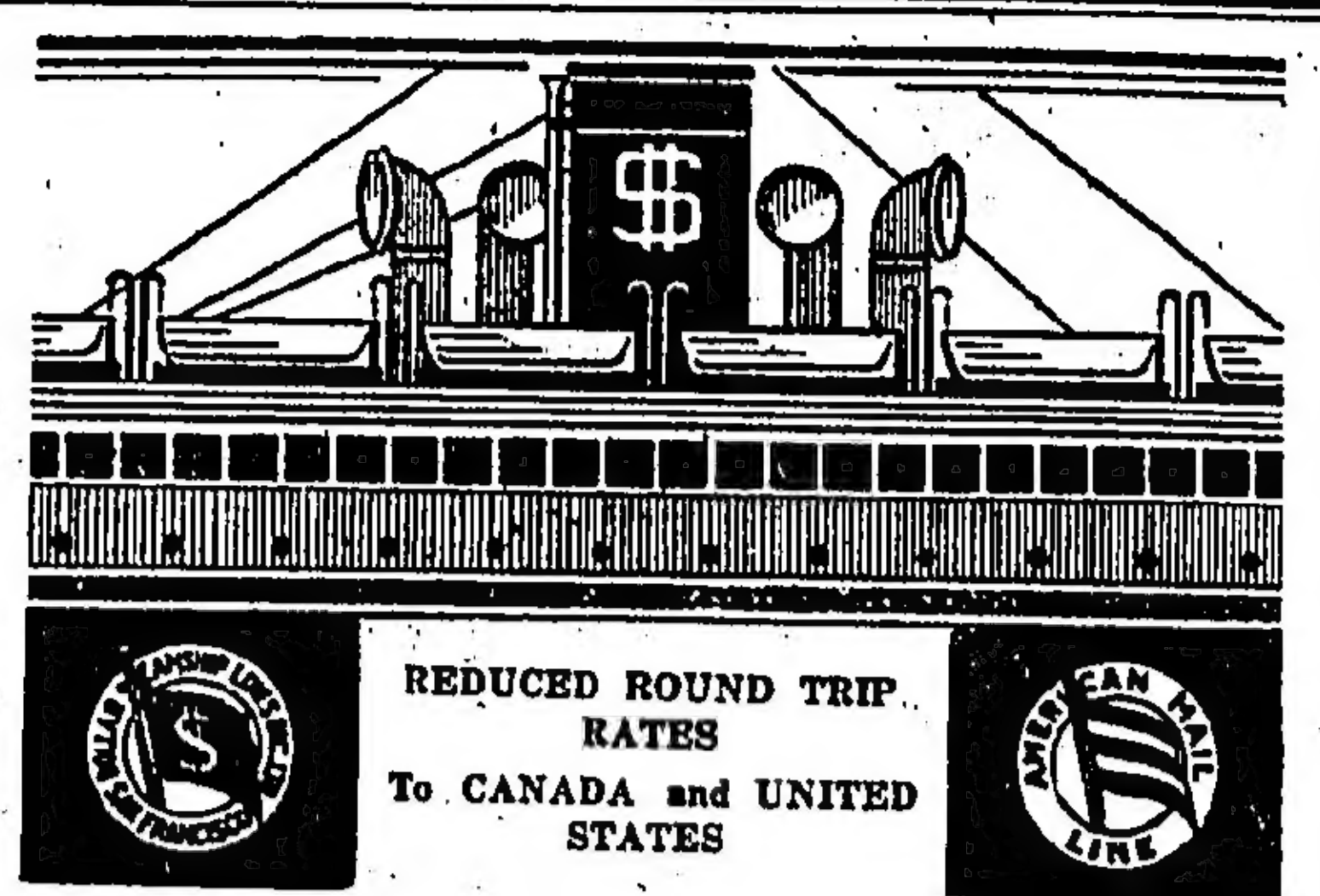
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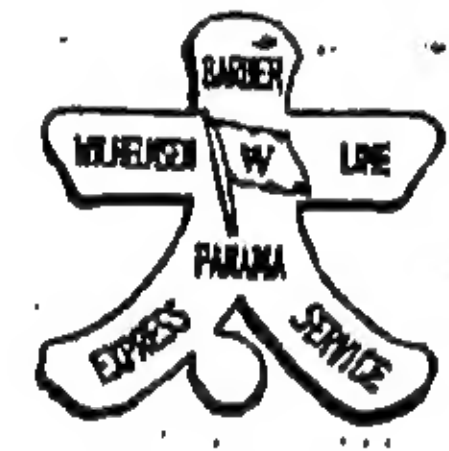
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HOW TO CHOOSE A CAR SUITABLE TO YOUR NEEDS

CHOICE OF ENGINE SIZE

ECONOMICAL PRODUCTION

SOME HELPFUL HINTS FOR POTENTIAL PURCHASER

The Motor tells us that of the questions which harass the minds of those endeavouring to choose a car suited to their needs, the most prominent is often: "What size of engine should I go in for?" This point of view is really inevitable owing to our taxation system, which naturally results in cars being classified according to their rated power.

For a man or woman requiring absolutely the least expensive mode of transport, mainly for two people, the situation is comparatively simple, because there is a certain number of so-called "baby" cars from which to choose, rated at between 7 h.p. and 9 h.p. So soon as this size of vehicle is exceeded, however, rather a baffling number of makes, sizes and types must be given consideration.

It is often said that people now-

adays are more strongly influenced by the bodywork than by the chassis when choosing a new car. This is no doubt perfectly true, but what is one to do when, say, two models of differing power are fitted with exactly the same coachwork? This is the case in a growing number of instances and many a potential purchaser has had to think very hard before making a selection.

This fashion for alternative engine sizes may really be said to date from the old days of the Morris-Cowley and Morris-Oxford, when both were fitted with four-cylinder engines differing mainly in rating. It is interesting to notice a reversion to this practice in the new Morris programme. The Morris-Cowley is now made in alternative engine sizes rated at 11.9 h.p. and 13.9 h.p.

Another outstanding example is,

of course, the Ford. Ever since the introduction of "Model A" two engine sizes have been available, rated at 15 h.p. and 24 h.p. respectively, the only other difference being that a higher back-axle ratio is used with the larger engine. To encourage people to acquire the car with the higher rating it is listed at £5 less than the other for all body styles.

Other examples of more recent introduction are the Vauxhall Cadet, announced about a year ago, and the Hillman Wizard, which was brought out last Easter. In the case of the Cadet, the larger engine, rated at 27 h.p., is fitted mainly for export, but can be obtained by British purchasers without increase of cost as compared with the normal 17 h.p. job. In the Wizard, likewise, the two engine sizes are available without difference in price, the ratings being in this case 16 h.p. and 21 h.p.

In passing it may be explained that in these four cases the difference in engine power is primarily obtained by using two cylinder bores i.e., the diameter of each cylinder is larger in one engine than in the other. This is an economical plan from the point of view of production, because the same stroke (piston travel) is used in each case; the crankshafts can, therefore, be made the same throughout and there is no change in the external dimensions of the power unit.

Apart from these four special examples, there are very many cases nowadays where the alternatives of, say, a 10 h.p. four-cylinder engine and a 16 h.p. six-cylinder engine are offered at different prices, but with the same range of coachwork; probably the six-cylinder job will have

a wheelbase from 10 ins. to a foot longer than that of the smaller car to allow for the greater length of the engine. In some cases, too, a difference is made in the gearbox, but as a general rule the bodywork and all other features are identical, so that the choice depends almost entirely upon the engine size desired.

Here, again, the plan can be made suitable for economical production by cutting down the number of different parts required. Furthermore, if the same bore and stroke be used for both sizes of engine only one size of piston and connecting rod is required to cover both types.

With competition becoming ever keener, the desire of the manufacturers to offer the best possible value for money and to appeal to the widest possible market will undoubtedly lead to an extension of this quite justifiable practice. After all, in bare essentials, the problem to be solved in designing a low-priced car is to provide comfortable transport for, say, five persons. If the utmost economy in operation be desired a small four-cylinder engine is really all that is needed. On the other hand, for the luxury represented by a higher average speed and more pleasant running, a six-cylinder engine of higher power must be made available. There is, however, no earthly reason why the bodywork should not be just the same in each case, and the difference in first cost need not really be very great.

This brings us to a consideration of how best to make up one's mind as to what size of engine to choose. Admittedly, a bigger power unit puts up costs in various directions, but if financially practicable it is usually found advantageous to have it.

Estimating Running Costs.

It is not very difficult to estimate with reasonable accuracy what difference in running costs is to be expected. First of all there is the Treasury tax, which, of course, becomes the more oppressive the bigger the engine. For the benefit of the uninitiated, we may point out that it is levied at a rate of £1 per annum per rated horse-power, so that where a medium-sized four-cylinder car may cost £10 yearly, the six-cylinder model may cost anything from £12 to over £20, according to size. Next, of course, there is the first cost of the car, which often, but by no means always, increases considerably with the size of the engine.

We now come to a very important question which has, undoubtedly, a big influence upon the decision in many instances. The point is whether the larger engine will cause any marked increase in running costs. The items most obviously affected by engine size are petrol consumption, oil consumption and tyre wear.

Taking these factors in order, petrol consumption depends upon the weight of the car and the wind resistance; the latter is in turn governed by the frontal area and the cruising speed. Therefore, comparing two cars which differ mainly in engine size, the slight increase in weight with the larger engine will make practically no difference to consumption. The frontal areas will be much the same, but, of course, a higher average speed may be kept up with the larger engine owing to the ease with which it runs and accelerates. Against this can be set the fact that a high top-gear ratio tends towards economy. Consequently, comparing two engine sizes without regard to type, the petrol consumption is often found to be much the same in each case.

Here it is necessary to interpolate, however, that owing to various technical factors, a six-cylinder engine is rarely as economical as one of four-cylinder design. Consequently the fuel consumed per mile by a 16 h.p. six-cylinder car will often be some 25 per cent. greater than that used by a four-cylinder car carrying the same body.

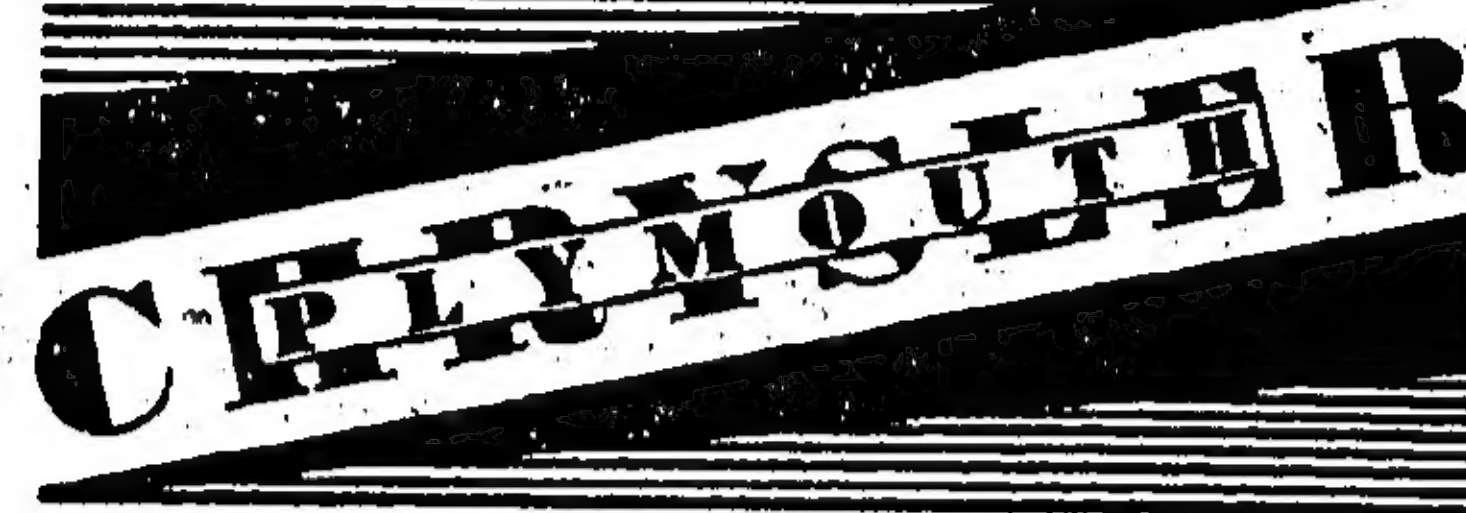
Oil Consumption Compared.

As regards oil consumption, there is usually very little to choose when cars are fairly new. As time goes on, however, an engine with a small bore usually wears more rapidly than one with a big bore, so that its oil consumption tends to increase. Here it is worth noting, also, that small engines require decarbonizing at more frequent intervals than do larger ones.

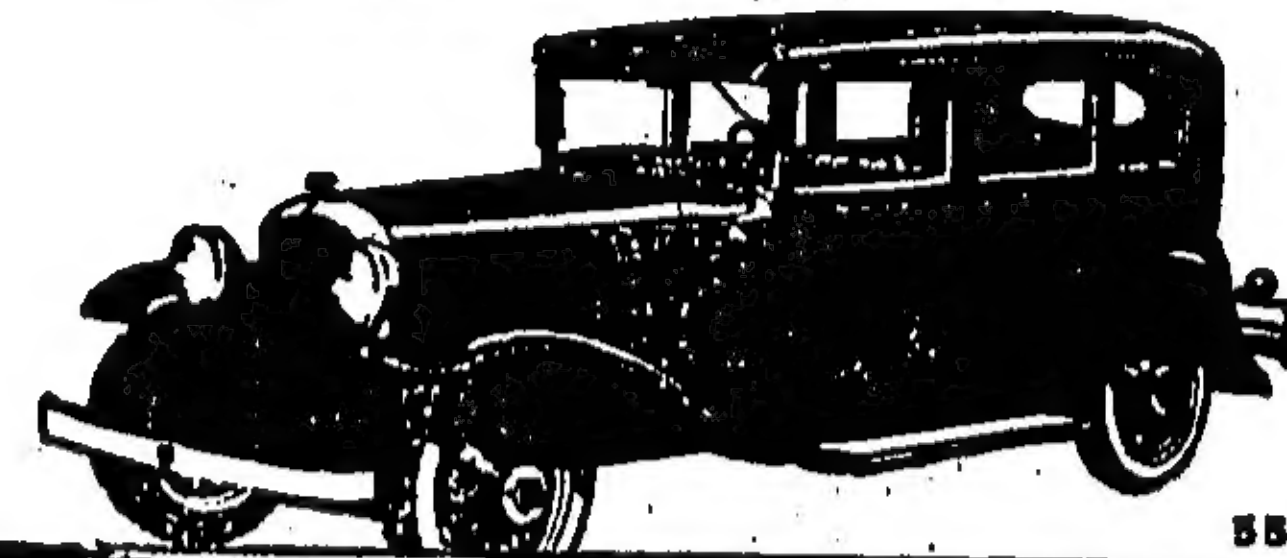
Tyre wear depends so much upon driving methods that it is difficult to draw any accurate comparisons. On the whole, however, it would be fair to say that the greater the power available the more likely it is that wheelspin will help to contribute to the wear of the rear covers. Higher average speeds, too, are encouraged by a big engine and increase the work done by the tyres in various ways.

In conclusion, it seems necessary to mention a point which must surely be fairly obvious, namely, that choice of engine size must be influenced by the locality in which a car is to be run. On a run of 100 miles over level roads the difference between driving a small car and a large one is not very great in respect of either the average speed maintained or in driving fatigue. In hilly country, on the other hand, there is a very great difference in both these respects.

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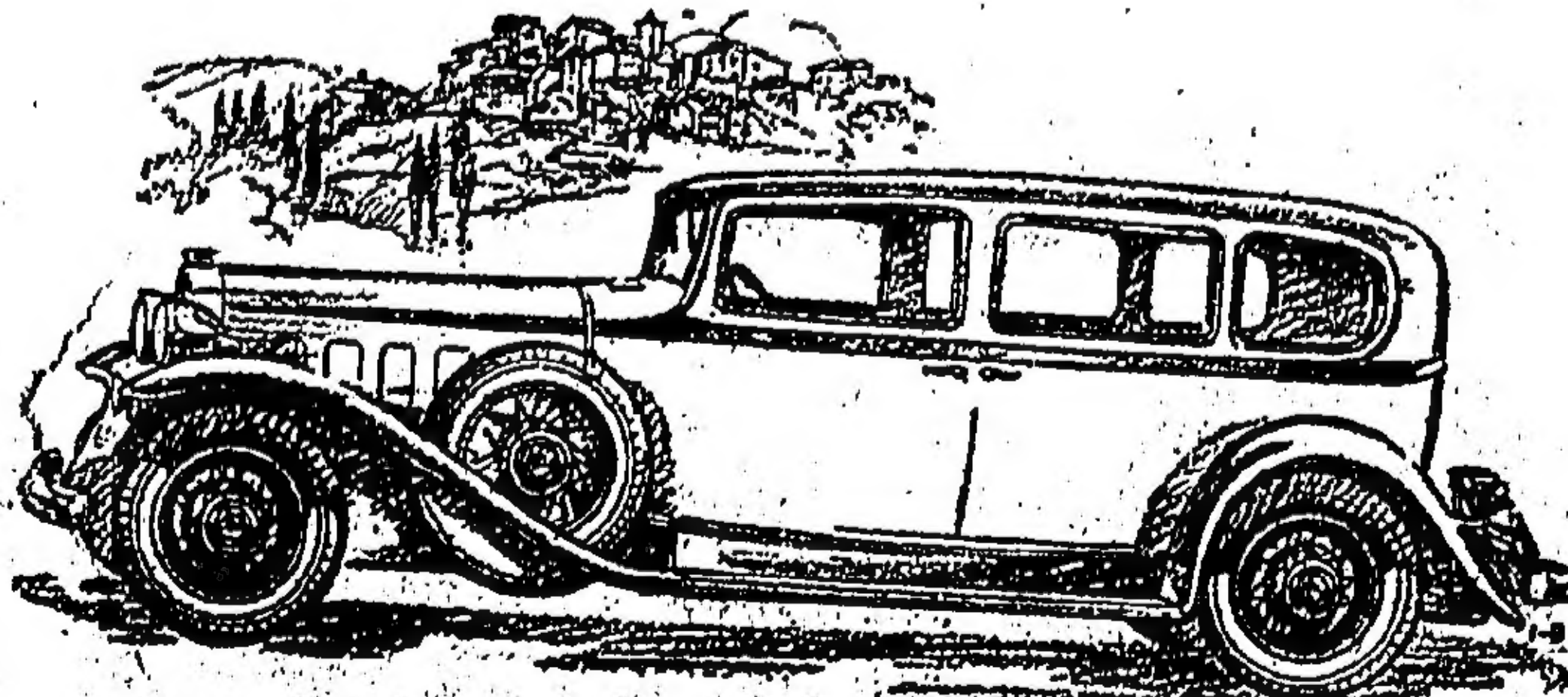


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GENERAL MA ASSASSINATED?

China's Fallen
Hero.

Nanking, Yesterday.
A report received by the Foreign Office from Harbin declares that General Ma Chan-shan, who sprung into world-wide prominence when he resisted the Japanese at the Nonni River and later at Tsi Tsi-har, has been assassinated.
This report has not yet been confirmed from other sources.
From being a National hero, Ma Chan-shan recently fell low in public esteem, when he called on General Tamon, the diminutive Japanese Commander, who had defeated him and expressed his regret for having caused him "inconvenience." It is believed here that, if he has actually been assassinated, his assailant may have been some chauvinist who was disgusted with his action.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT.

China Protests.

Nanking, To-day.
The Foreign Office has lodged two protests with Mr. Shigemitsu, one with regard to the Independence Movement in Manchuria, and the other with regard to the Japanese aerial attack on the Soochow air-base on February 22.
The protest says that, if the Independence Movement in Manchuria, which is being encouraged by Japan, materialises, then Japan will be held responsible.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

SMALL BLAZE IN WOOSUNG STREET.

Two three-storied houses, Nos. 67 and 69, Woosung Street, Yau-mat, were affected by a fire which broke out last night. When the fire appliances arrived, the flames had secured a good hold, and the conflagration threatened to assume dangerous proportions. The fire, however, was under control in a quarter of an hour, and no casualties were reported.

A "RECORD" HOAX.

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Many gramophones and large numbers of records arrived recently at the warehouses of several Oxford music shops, as the result of a hoax for which two persons are believed to be responsible.

The suspected persons are said to have overheard in a shop a commercial traveller's request to see the manager of the business, and one of the two said that he was the manager.

After a short conversation the "manager" and his companion said that they must go to luncheon, and accepted the traveller's invitation.

At his hotel, after luncheon, the "manager" ordered a large selection of goods for several shops in the town.

WHEAT QUOTA BILL.

Guaranteed Price and
Secure Market.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Government's Wheat Quota Bill, published to-day, aims at providing a secure market and an enhanced price for home-grown wheat of millable quality without a subsidy from the Exchequer and without encouraging extension of wheat cultivation to unsuitable land.
The guaranteed price is to be forty-five shillings per quarter of 504 pounds.
A secure market is provided by imposing on millers a contingent obligation to purchase the stocks of home-grown millable wheat remaining unsold at the end of a cereal year.

The Bill sets up a wheat Commission for the general administration of the scheme and, particularly, to decide the quantity of home-grown wheat millers will require and the Flour Millers' Corporation to discharge any obligations imposed on millers respecting unsold wheat.—British Wireless Service.

FINE WEATHER COMING.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning states:—

The anti-cyclone is now central to the North of the Upper Yangtze Valley.

Forecast: N. winds, strong; overcast at first, finer later.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day 0.14 inch. Total since January 1—1.94 inches against an average of 2.90 inches—deficit .96 inch. temperature.

Hong Kong	47
Macao	48
Pratas Island	63
Manila	72
Poochow	52
Amoy	52
Chefoo	25
Shanghai	29

FINANCIAL.

Government Estimates
for Coming Year.

REDUCTION OF £7,000,000.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The first of a series of Government estimates for the next financial year, upon which the Budget, is to be introduced in April, will be based, was issued to-day.

The document covers Civil Estimates and Estimates for Revenue Departments, including pensions, education, insurance, and other grants, and Exchequer contributions to local revenue. They show a reduction on last year's estimates from £409,014,760 to £402,028,105. The actual reduction on Civil Estimates exceeds nine million pounds, but an increase in the estimated expenditure by the Revenue Departments gives the reduction as above. Principal reductions are on education £5,468,701, roads £4,280,000, and pensions ministry £2,795,200.—British Wireless Service.

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Session on
March 1.

Shanghai, (11.09 a.m. To-day.)

It is learned, from an authoritative source, that Members of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, now staying in Shanghai, have decided to proceed to Loyang to attend the Second Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee on March 1.
This decision is generally accepted as an indication that whatever misgivings, a few of them might have entertained as regards the purpose of the plenary session, are now dispelled.—Reuter's Pacific Service.

ODD JOBS.

The Python Hunter
from Borneo.

Dinner was in progress at a well-known hotel in Singapore, one sultry evening a short while ago, when a tall, sun-tanned man, in dress kit, approached a table at which another resident was dining. A flash of recognition passed between them; the man seated cried, "Hallo! What brings you here?"

The new arrival replied, "Oh, snakes, you know—snakes." The occupants of tables near looked round curiously. But what the man said was true. He was a python hunter from the rivers of Borneo, with a shipment of skins for London, where they would be made into ladies' footwear.

That is just one of the uncommon methods of making a livelihood I have met travelling about the world.

To spend one's life attending to the wants of millions of sick silkworms is another singular occupation. There is in the Nilgiri Hills of India a man who does this in a small building on which the words "Sanatorium for Silkworms" are painted. To this man are sent from the raw silk centres all larvae.

A strange job, too, is that of Mosquito Jack who, carrying on his back a tank of strong disinfecting fluid to which is connected a hand syringe, searches the dark corners of the Bombay Docks for pools of stagnant water. On the pools he squirts the fluid that deals death to mosquitoes.

Meet the "catcher" to the zoo in Hamburg who boards vessels loaded with "quebracho" wood and waits during the discharge of the cargo to pounce upon any small animal or reptile that may have survived the long journey from the Argentine, hidden in the great hollow tree trunks.

A Russian is the custodian of a licensed opium smoking room at Dairen, in the Yellow Sea. This man sees that the slaves of the pipe patronising his establishment are not robbed while under the influence. Another exile from the same country is now in Bangkok making a good living fashioning the grotesque masks used in the "devil dancing" much of his handwork goes to Tibet.—B.G.P. in Evening News.

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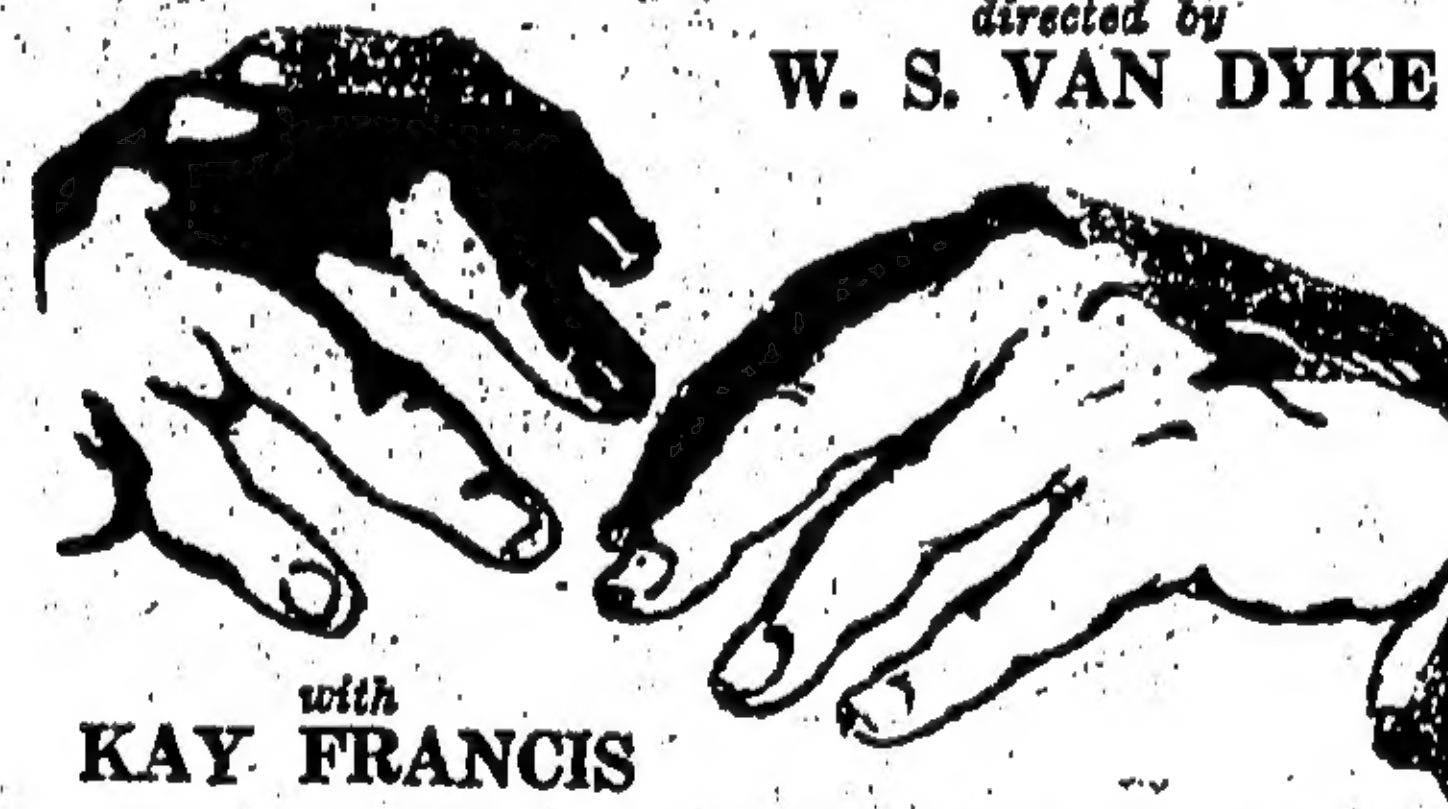


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